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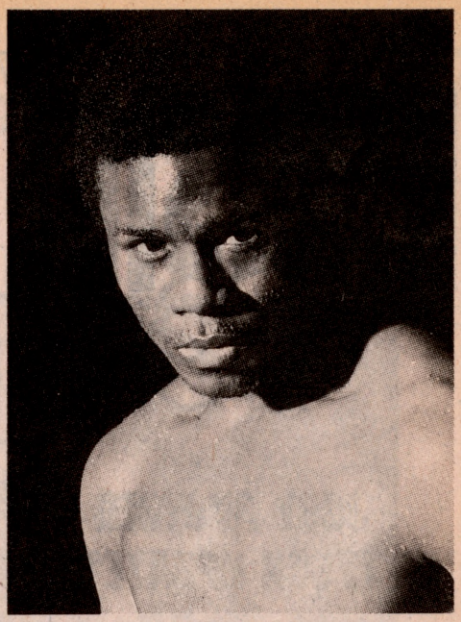

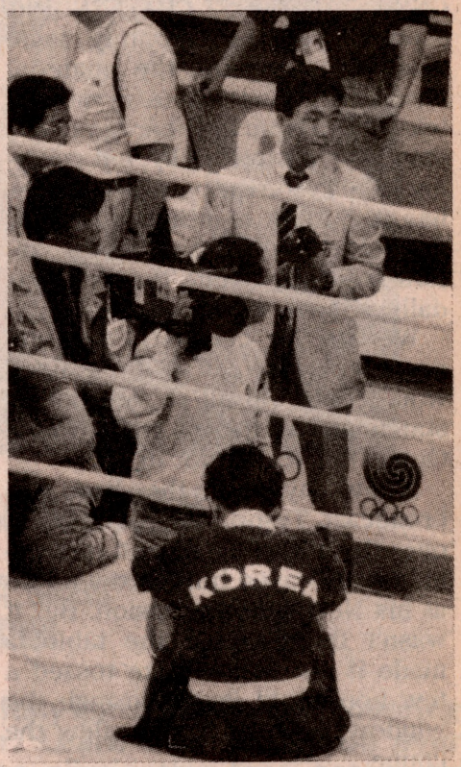

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RINGSIDE

JUST ANOTHER TYSON UPDATE?

ONE OF THE MOST CHALLENGING aspects of editing a monthly magazine is projecting the material ahead the two-to-three months it takes to go from keyboard to newsstand. It's always tricky, but covering Mike Tyson the past few months has become a nightmare. It's just the sort of story which drives editors bonkers — one that requires daily, sometimes hourly, updating.

We thought maybe Tyson's appearance on ABC-TV's "20/20" would clear up all the misunderstandings (see this month's "Round One"). But it was not to be.

A few days after the show was broadcast, Tyson, reportedly upset over the way his wife and mother-in-law portrayed him, threw a ram at his New Jersey mansion. But it wasn't the freakout the tabloids made it out to be. Mike tossed a few household items through the window, and the women flew the coupe.

It might have been the best move Mike has made since he decked Spinks. He scored a double knockout. Ruth Roper went home and Robin hopped a plane to Hollywood to film an episode of her TV show, "Head of the Class."

The blowup seemed to act like a catharsis. Tyson and manager Bill Cayton were suddenly exchanging olive branches. Tyson was back in the gym and talking about his oft-postponed bout with Frank Bruno.

Perhaps the best news of all was the clean bill of health the champ got from Dr. Abraham Halpern, the chairman of the psychiatry department at Union Hospital in Port Chester, N.Y. This latest diagnosis ruled out "manic depression" and said Tyson "showed no sign of abnormality."

Of course, let's not delude ourselves. This drama isn't over yet. But at least Tyson seems back in the right frame of mind.

"I'm not taking any pills, I'm okay. I'm coming back to the way I was before, but better. If you change a person, you destroy the person that is Mike Tyson. But I'm not a loser."

Go get 'em, champ.

Nigel Collins

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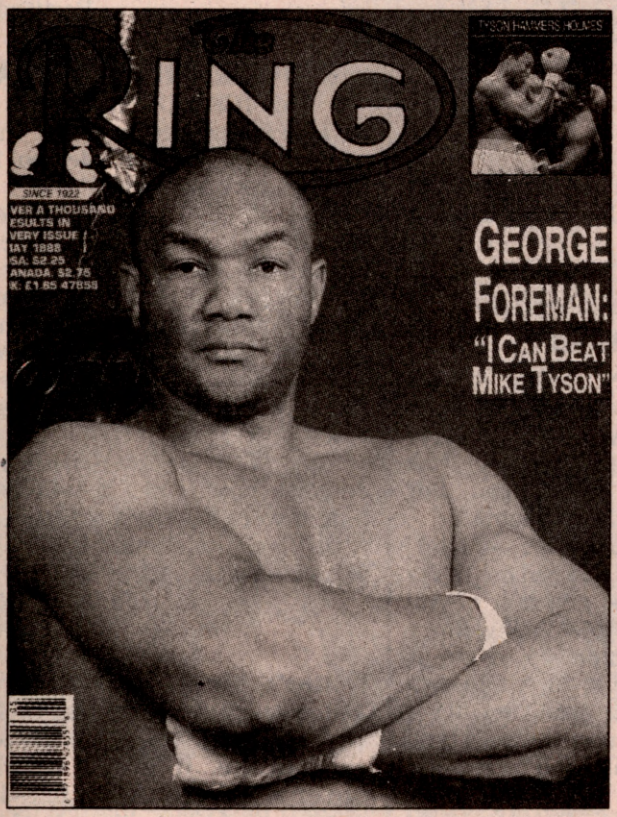

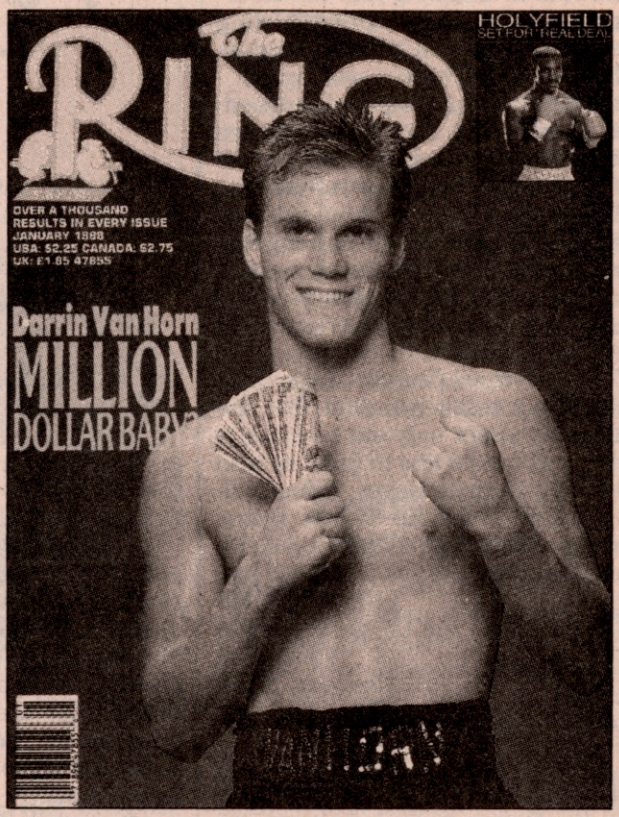

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COME OUT WRITING

MARVELOUS IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE

NOW THAT MARVELOUS MARVIN Hagler has officially retired, I would like to join with his many fans worldwide in thanking him for entertaining us with an exciting boxing career and wish him good fortune as he heads into his new movie career.

In today's age of pampered, self-centered sports idols, Marvin was always easily approachable to his public, and so down to earth that it was refreshing.

High character marks should also go to Marvin, for despite his bulldog-like tenacity and desire to excel, he still managed to walk the thin line between the brutality of boxing and respecting the dignity of man.

Yes, Marvelous Marvin Hagler has made it and that's beautiful. But the real beauty is not only did he make it for himself, but I'd like to think he also made it for Norman Hayes, Wilbur Wilson, Claude Chapman, Walter Byars, Pineapple Stevenson, Bob Woodall, Elwood Thornton, and yes, Lee Williams.

LEE WILLIAMS
1957 National A.A.U. Heavyweight Champion
Roxbury, Mass.

P.S.
All the gentlemen named in the last paragraph were talented, black fighters from the Boston area during my era, who like me, unfortunately came along at the wrong time in the wrong place.

FENECH ANOTHER McGUIGAN?

ALTHOUGH I FIND MUCH ABOUT your magazine disagreeable, your "Return to Sanity" was the best move in boxing for a long time. Never was this more evident than when Jeff Fenech made his network debut.

Here is a "three division champion" who has had but 20 fights and has never fought out of the boxing hub of Australia. Give me a break! Like Barry McGuigan before him, Fenech is strong, tough, aggressive — and protected. Also like McGuigan, he will get bounced off the canvas the first time he leaves his homeland and faces good opposition.

After the Tyrone Downes fight (wrestling match?), the name Azumah Nelson came up. Though looking a bit past his peak, Azumah will have Jeff backing up in a few rounds and pointed back down to "Down Under" before Round 10.

MILO LINVILLE
Portland, Ore.

MUGGED IN MEXICALI

IT WAS THE WORST JUDGED FIGHT I have ever seen in my life. The fight was held in Mexicali, Mexico. It was Calvin Grove vs. Jorge Paez.

First of all, Grove dominated the whole fight except for two or three rounds and the last round. Secondly, the judges gave Paez a 10-7 round because he knocked Grove down three times in the final round. Is there such a thing as a 10-7 round? I've been around boxing all my life and I've never heard of it.

Even with a 10-7 or 10-5 round, Paez couldn't have won. It was like the judges were watching a different fight than I was. Something is wrong. Can you explain it to me?

BRIAN CLEMENTS
Joplin, MO

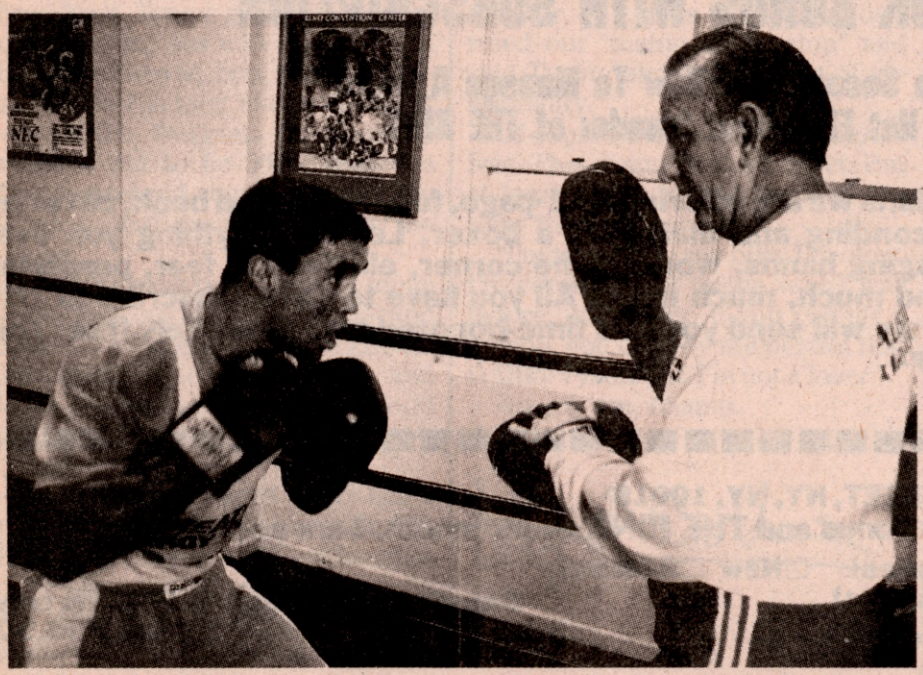
Editor's Note: While 10-7 rounds are rare, they are certainly within the rules. If ever such a score is appropriate, it would be when a boxer is floored three times in one stanza, as was the case in the 15th round of the Paez-Grove bout.

SUGAR RAY: SWEET & SOUR

REGARDING THE COMPLAINTS VOICED by various individuals about the justice in allowing Sugar Ray Leonard to fight for another title after prolonged inactivity, two facts must be remembered:

First, boxing is also called prizefighting, which means that the public's willingness to pay to watch a fight is the determining factor in scheduling a championship bout.

Secondly, the arbitrariness and inaccuracy of boxing ratings are exemplified by recent victories by Jorge Vaca, Jorge Paez, Charles Williams, Tomas Molinares and



Reader Milo Linville thinks Jeff Fenech, pictured here working out with trainer John Lewis, is overrated.

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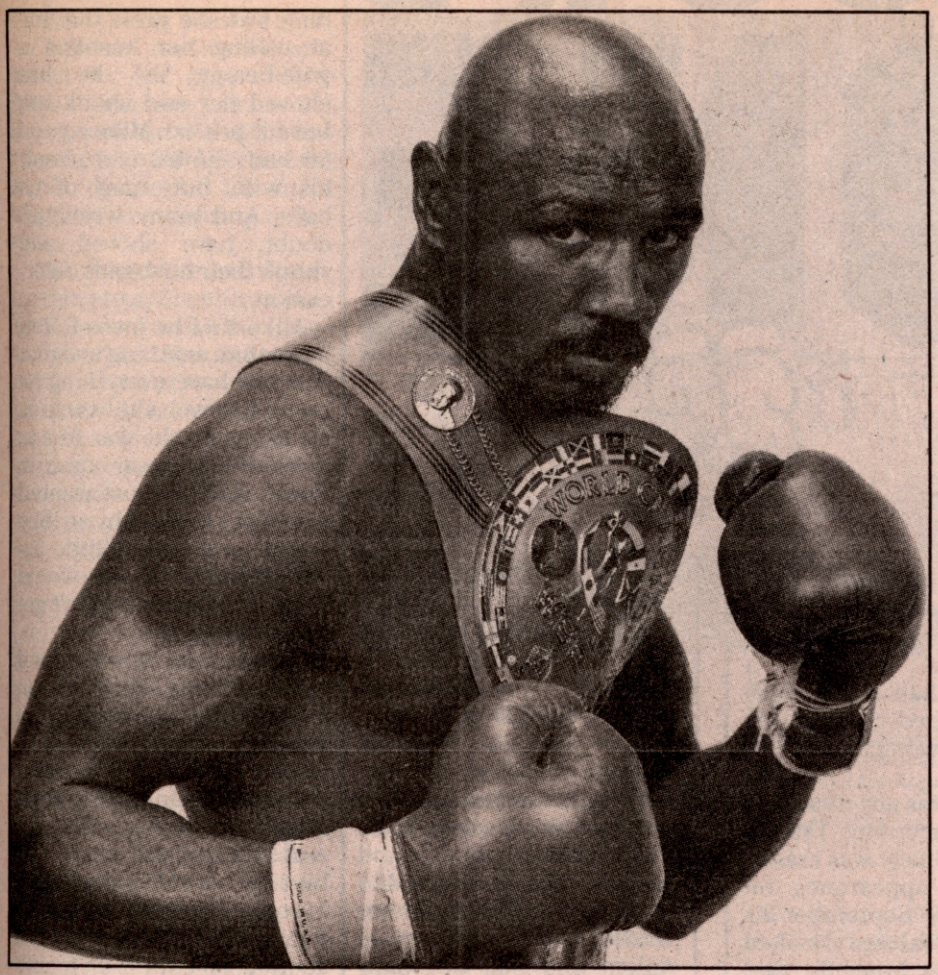


Former A.A.U. heavyweight champ Lee Williams pays tribute to Marvelous Marvin Hagler in this month's "Come Out Writing."

Sugar Ray Leonard — all lightly regarded at the time — over opponents recognized as world champions by some well known organizations. The No. 1 rated contender is not necessarily the most worthy opponent for the champion.

Because of the potentially stratospheric revenues, George Foreman will probably soon gain a title fight against Mike Tyson, regardless of Foreman's rating.

Having advocated this contention, I hope I have not caused Charley Burley or Sam Langford to turn over in his grave.

BOB DAILY
San Marino, CA

I'D LIKE TO GIVE SUGAR RAY LEONARD "a shot" — right upside his head.

As an avid fan of the sport (business) of boxing, I have to endure obscene scoring by judges, new weight classes (what's next, "embryo?"), and now world champions forsaking hard work and pride for paydays.

Donny Lalonde, you worked your tail off to get a title shot and then you had to defeat a champion who worked just as hard to win his title. "Sour Ray" Leonard's vanity level is so high and wide he can't look over or around it enough to see the kids who are sweating it out in the gyms and undercards trying to reach the first rung on the ladder of success. Stop stepping over the hard workers, Ray.

I think it is immoral that the governing bodies (ha ha) in boxing allow someone, regardless of past reputation, to literally "come off the streets" and get a title shot. If this is how the game is played, then some bullies from my old neighborhood should be "ranked."

JERRY JOHNSON
Scottsdale, AZ

WHO NEEDS THE CRUISERS?

EVER SINCE *THE RING* DUMPED all the junior weight classes I have been pondering the only legitimate argument for a ninth weight class — the cruiserweights. By using Sonny Liston as a focal point, the heavyweight champions' statistics on page 37 of your October '88 issue gives a surprising quantitative analysis:

The average weight of all heavyweight champions is 201 pounds. Pre-Liston champs averaged 197 pounds, while post-Liston champs averaged 211 pounds.

Though these stats suggest the need for a 195-pound division, boxing's umbilical link with history makes me hesitate advocating a change (from your current policy). Watch a film of Ketchel knocking down and hurting Johnson or Dempsey pulverizing Willard and the cruiserweight division is instantly dismissed.

DANIEL E. KASLOW III
Grand Rapids, MI

TYSON VERSUS THE CHAMPS

TYSON VS. MUHAMMAD ALI: ALI took the shots of Foreman, Shavers and Frazier, so could Tyson hurt him? No chance. Also, Ali could handle any style. Speed kills! Ali by TKO in 11 rounds.

Tyson vs. Joe Louis: Tyson can't figure why he's getting hit by two- and three-punch combos. Mike wants Louis to stand still so he can wind up. But no, Joe lands with one-twos. Tyson is bleeding and doesn't come out for the 13th round.

Tyson vs. George Foreman: Tyson can see how big George is, but charges in at the sound of the opening bell anyway. Foreman pushes Tyson back and nails him. Tyson can't fight Foreman inside because George is too strong. So what can Tyson do? Well, he tries to slug it out, but Foreman has the reach advantage. A right uppercut has Tyson airborn. It's all over in four rounds.

Tyson vs. Rocky Marciano: Rocky wants it bad, but Tyson is also hungry. Marciano has been cut and floored by old heavies and light heavies and never fought a good fighter. Tyson connects with his right and Rocky is cut. Marciano is too small for Tyson and is dropped by a right uppercut. Rocky gets up, but Tyson moves in and delivers another uppercut which brings Rocky's head up. Another left hook smashes home and it's over. Tyson in one. Tyson is good, but not great.

B. BURTON
Ontario, Canada

ROUND ONE

JUST ANOTHER MANIC CHAMPION

by Phill Marder

Just as we went to press for the December issue, the story broke in *The New York Daily News*. **Mike Tyson's** automobile accident was actually an attempted suicide.

Be real.

You don't try to commit suicide by side-swiping a tree with your car. Especially if you live in New Jersey. If you don't live in New Jersey, take my word for it. The automobile insurance rates are enough to kill you . . . even if you're as rich as Mike Tyson.

But even if Tyson's fender-bender was a suicide attempt, what's the big deal? It's nothing new. Several heavyweight champions have attempted suicide. **Jess Willard** fought **Jack Dempsey. Jim Braddock** got into the ring with **Joe Louis**.

Floyd Patterson took on **Sonny Liston** — twice. You can't get much more suicidal than that.

But seriously, folks. There's something dreadfully wrong with Tyson, Tyson's marriage, or both. While the stories in the newspapers have been a bit overblown, there's no denying that Mike's marriage to **Robin Givens** is on shaky ground and that the champ's career has come to a screeching halt. If that BMW had stopped half this quickly, he wouldn't have hit that tree.

If there was any doubt lingering concerning Tyson's stability, it likely was erased by Mike's appearance on ABC's *20/20* September 30. **Barbara Walters** hooked Mike in his home in Bernardsville, New Jersey, and also spoke with **Ruth Roper**, Robin and **Bill Cayton**.

Continuing its remarkable knack for airing its dirty laundry in the media, this cast told it all on national television.

At the conclusion, it was still difficult to determine a conclusion — at least a conclusive conclusion.

Mike admitted a small medical problem. Robin came right out and said he's a manic depressive. Mike admitted being moody and that his mind races. Robin said his mood swings were drastic, that he becomes violent and that he sometimes stays awake for days, which might explain what he was doing at that clothing store at four a.m.

Robin said living with Tyson was "torture" and that she was now afraid of him, but she drew the line at calling her husband a wife-beater. Yes, he has shoved her and shook her, but hit her, no. Mike agreed he had shoved and shook his wife, but many of us have. And many wives, no doubt, have shoved and shook their husbands on occasion.

Mike said he loves Robin more than anything and that she can have everything he has whenever she wants it. He also said she was free to leave if she ever desires. Robin said she just wanted her husband healthy so they could have some "little Tysons," but that she would leave if the champ didn't get his act together.

Meanwhile, Cayton said he would not allow Tyson to fight again if he was on lithium, which is used to treat manic depression, then later changed his mind after consulting with several specialists who told him it would not affect Tyson's performance as a fighter. But Dr. Norman Rosenthal, an expert on manic depression interviewed on the show, said lithium could very well affect Tyson's performance as a boxer. In any event, Cayton was probably sincere when he said he just wants the best for Mike.

Roper also said she just wants the best for Mike, and the best is apparently not Cayton.

Tyson said he would not take medication, but would deal with the problem and whip it. But he also said he is bored with boxing.

With all that was said, many questions remain unanswered. That Tyson is a manic depressive seems a questionable conclusion. His past is dotted with episodes of violence. Why weren't they spotted before? Probably because he was viewed as just another street punk when he was young. And later, when he

AP LASERPHOTO

Robin and Mike Tyson pose with ABC-TV's Barbara Walters during the shooting of "20/20." A few days after the program aired, Tyson, reportedly upset at what his wife and mother-in-law told Walters, threw a temper tantrum and smashed a few windows at his Bernardsville, New Jersey mansion.

started boxing he was kept so active he had a constant outlet for his rage. While Mike's troubles seem to have escalated with his marriage, it should be remembered that until his marriage he was fighting quite often.

Mike insists he will do everything to get healthy since Robin means more than anything to him. But if he is a manic depressive, the treatment is lithium, and Mike says he won't take it. If he does take it, will he be the same fighter?

Roper says she doesn't want to control Tyson, but to get an interview with the world heavyweight champion one must go through his mother-in-law, which is as ridiculous as it sounds. And why have Cayton and some of Mike's closest friends, particularly **Kevin Rooney** and **Jose Torres**, been alienated. All three have never indicated having anything but Mike's best interests at heart.

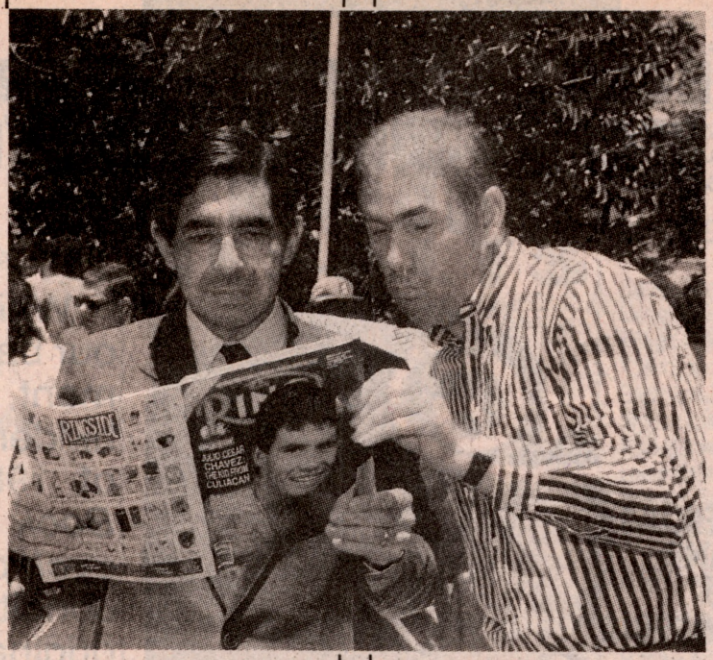
Robin, though, seems sincere. Either she's sincere or the world's greatest actress. But if she is sincere, why is she so willing to make a public spectacle of her husband's problems?

As Walters concluded, you almost have to feel sorry for the couple. That is, if it's possible to feel sorry for two people just entering their 20s with more money than they can ever spend, a slew of luxury automobiles and a mansion, not to mention worldwide fame.

And it's hard to feel sorry for Mike if he admits he has an illness, but he refuses to take the cure even though everyone involved, including Mike, says it doesn't matter if he ever fights again.

If Mike takes lithium, he may never fight again. If he doesn't, he may do something so drastic that he may never be able to fight again. Boxing fans will have to just wait and see.

We hope Mike's troubles are over. And we certainly hope he boxes again, even if it is against **Frank Bruno**. Meanwhile, he is entitled to every consideration due a legitimate world champion. He should retain that recognition until he is beaten, until it is proven he is unable to defend his championship or until he indicates he no longer wants to defend it.



Even Nobel Prize winners read THE RING. Oscar Arias, president of Costa Rica and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, checks out the August '88 issue as contributing editor James Dusgate looks over his shoulder.

KEEP ON PUSHING

John Bruen, Sr., boxing columnist for the *Orange County Post*, recently became so disgusted with the current state of boxing that, after 73 years of following the sport, he informed his readers he was writing, in all probability, his last column on the sport. The final straw was the comeback of **Sugar Ray Leonard** and his attempt to win "five world titles."

Wrote Bruen, "Those who may have any feeling toward what the writer is going through should blame it on those alphabet goons, the WBC, WBA and IBF, who have created too many ersatz boxing divisions and their various conflicts that have cheapened the word and meaning of champion ... Hurray for the only bright spot left in boxing. *The Ring* magazine (The Bible of Boxing) recognizes and ranks only fighters in the eight original divisions!"

And Sean Smith, in a British *Boxing News* article entitled, "Phony Champs And Divisions ... Let's Go Back To The Original Eight," wrote recently, "Therefore I would plead that boxing journalists, both on 'trade' magazines such as *Boxing News*, and in the media in general, follow the lead of the American *Ring* magazine and rate boxers only in eight traditional divisions ... and refer only to undisputed titleholders such as Mike Tyson, or those with direct lineage to the last recognized champion in his division, such as **Lloyd Honeyghan**, as world champions, and then perhaps boxing may once again attract the respect it deserves."

And Charlie Ross, in his "In This Corner" column in Boston's *Post Gazette*, wrote, "*Ring* magazine and the American Association for the Improvement of Boxing are on record in that regard, and I will be presenting a motion for a resolution calling for a return to the eight weight divisions as one of Ring 4's delegates to the upcoming national Veteran Boxers Association convention ..."

The support continues to grow, and we appreciate it.

ROSIN DUST

A hearty welcome to a new publication, **African Boxing**. Subs are $20 for 12 issues, $10 for six issues, and checks should be mailed to African Boxing Magazine, 66, Tejuosho Street, PO Box 3629, Surulere, Lagos, Nigeria ... **Michael Jackson** is the top earning entertainer for the last two years, according to a survey in the October 3 *Forbes*. Jackson's gross income for the two years is projected at $97 million. **Tyson** ranked eighth, up from 35th, at $55 million, **Sugar Ray Leonard** was 21st with $27 million and **Michael Spinks** ranked 38th with $17 million ... Spinks recently made his stage bow, appearing in "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" with **Jean Stapleton** at Wilmington, Delaware's "Playhouse" ... **Michael Dokes** jailed in LA for roughing up his girlfriend and **Mitch Green** did the same back in New York. Hey, if you heavyweights want to fight, get into the ring ... **Milton McCrory** escaped with minor injuries after being hit by a car on the sidewalk outside a Detroit bar. □

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George Foreman TKO1 Bobby Hitz
Seamus McDonagh TKO2 Greg Gorrell

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Tony Byrd W10 Tim Williams
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Giovanni De Marco W12 Felipe Carvalho
Sanderline Williams W10 Hector Rosario
David Noel W12 Anthony Logan
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Darrin Van Horn W10 Jake Torrance
Gary Thomas TKO2 Earl Hargrove
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Gary Jacobs KO10 Javier Suazo
Roger Mayweather KO12 Rodolfo Gonzalez
(Retained WBC Super Lightweight Title)
Keith Banks W12 Hardy Jones
Darryl Tyson TKO10 Filiberto Rosas

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Tunde Foster TKO5 Lupe Hernandez
Takeyuki Akagi KO7 Chong-Dae Lim
Gianni Di Napoli TKO4 Antonio Renzo
Kamel Bou Ali TKO6 Robert Dickie

Meldrick Taylor (left) rips into defending champ James "Buddy" McGirt en route to a TKO victory and the IBF junior welterweight belt.

Kenny Vice KO2 Jerry Barnes
Mike Benjamin W12 Ernesto Espana
Anthony Jones W10 Primo Ramos
Edwin Rosario KO2 Felipe Angulo
Refugio Rojas TKO7 Nelson Rodriguez
Gustavo Lopez W10 Kelvin Lampkins
Troy Dorsey D10 Rogelio Lopez

FEATHERWEIGHTS

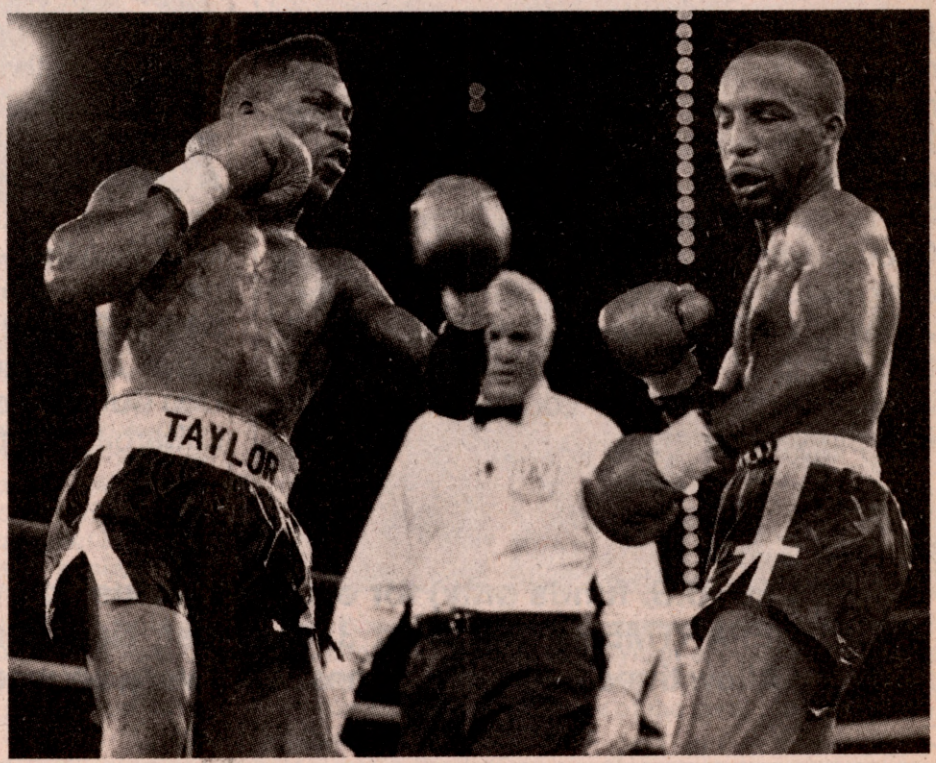
Hurley Snead TKO7 Carlos Flores
Sidnei Dal Rovere TKO7 Ernesto Quintana
Kengo Fukuda KO3 Ayuthaya Singphakamrong
Yasuo Jinde W10 Charlie Carola
Salvatore Bottiglieri W12 Tony Miller
Amos Cowart TKO3 Joe Webber
Paul Banke TKO11 Carlos Romero
Louie Espinoza TKO8 Pedro Decima
Bernard Taylor TKO10 Javier Marquez
Steve McCrory W10 Juan Muriel

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Octavio Ruiz TKO6 Felipe Torres
Manuel Robinales W10 Fernando Varguez
Eduardo Torres TKO5 Felipe Gutierrez
Gilberto Roman W12 Kiyoshi Hatanaka
(Retained WBC Super Flyweight Title)

FLYWEIGHTS

Fidel Bassa W12 Ray Medal
(Retained WBA Title)
Gregorio Castaneda KO2 Esteban Ayala
Ysaias Zamudio W10 Ramon Solis
Myung-Woo Yuh TKO6 Putt Ohyuthanakorn
(Retained WBA Jr. Flyweight Title)



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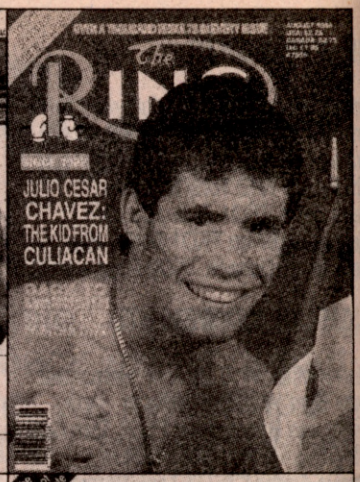

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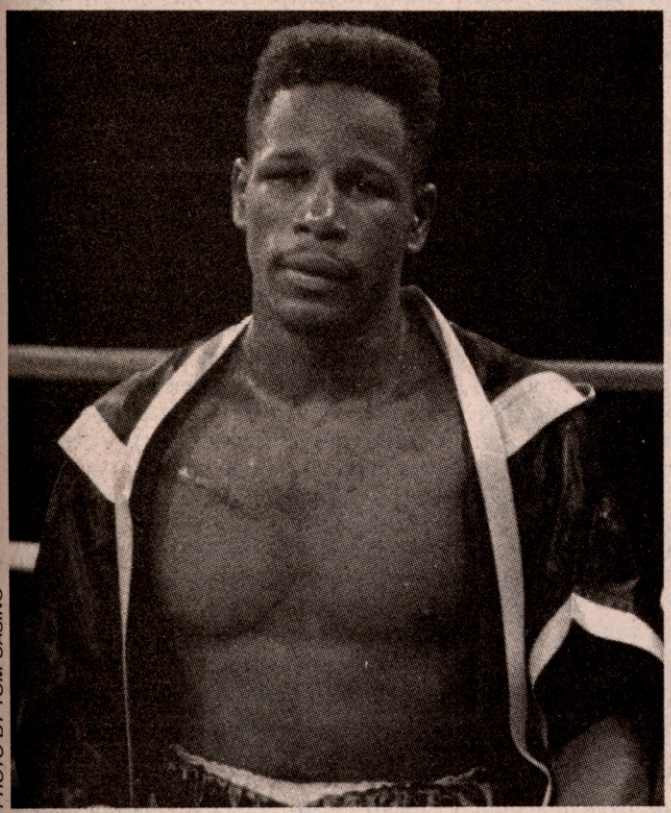
BOXER SHORTS

HAROLD RHODES FEATHERWEIGHT

THERE ARE MANY STRONG ARGUments as to why the sport of boxing should never be banned. One of the strongest being the large number of troubled youths boxing has saved from a life of crime. Add Harold Rhodes to the list of ex-cons rehabilitated thanks to the Manly Art . . . At the tender age of 17, Rhodes was sentenced to five years in Leesburg prison for robbery



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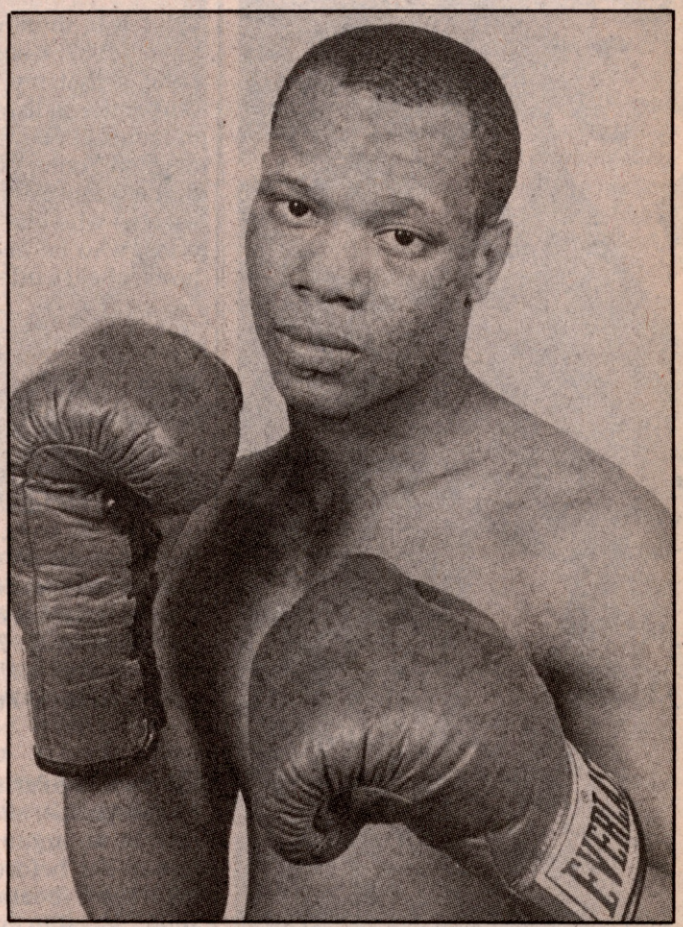
. . . "Leesburg was the turning point in my life," claimed the Jersey City, N.J. featherweight. "It completely changed me; the way I think, the food I eat, and most important, my interest in boxing. In the streets there were fights every day, but in prison I learned how to box." . . . While incarcerated, Rhodes compiled a 36-0 amateur record with 25 KOs. When he was released in 1987, he wanted to find just two things — a job and a gym . . . He soon hooked up with veteran trainer Charlie Barnes, slimming down to featherweight and acquiring the nickname "Awesome Force" . . . Things didn't exactly get off to a flying start. He lost two of his first three pro starts via kayo, but has since turned things around and tallied nine straight victories . . . In his most recent outing, the 5'6" all-action slugger upset Billy Young in a bout televised nationally by ESPN. Young had lost only once in 25 bouts, but Rhodes swarmed all over him for an impressive points victory . . . It looks like Harold might soon be trading his "ex-con" label for that of "contender." □

RENALDO CARTER BANTAMWEIGHT

FROM TERRY MCGOVERN TO RUBEN Olivares, the bantamweight division has produced some of boxing's most exciting and hard-hitting performers. Now comes Renaldo Carter, undefeated in 19 pro bouts with 11 KOs . . . A product of Detroit's bustling fight scene, "Little Red," as Carter is known, is a regular headliner for ABC Promotions . . . Carter is the epitome of the classic Detroit boxer/puncher. He holds his left hand low, luring his opponents into his big right hand. He also boxes well and, so far, has rarely lost a round . . . Carter is handled by Johnny "Ace" Smith and does his sparring with highly regarded Hurley Snead . . . The 5'5" dynamo turned pro September 30, 1986 with a third-round kayo over Sherman Dixon and hasn't looked back since. Though most of his bouts have been in the Detroit suburb of Sterling Heights, Carter, 20, has also tallied wins in Las Vegas and Atlantic City . . . Described by *The Ring*'s Michigan correspondent,



Tom Paruszkiewicz, as a "bantamweight buzzsaw," Carter has fared well against journeyman opposition, but needs to step up in class in order to prove whether or not he'll be following in the footsteps of the great 118-pounders of the past. □

ASK THE ANSWERMAN

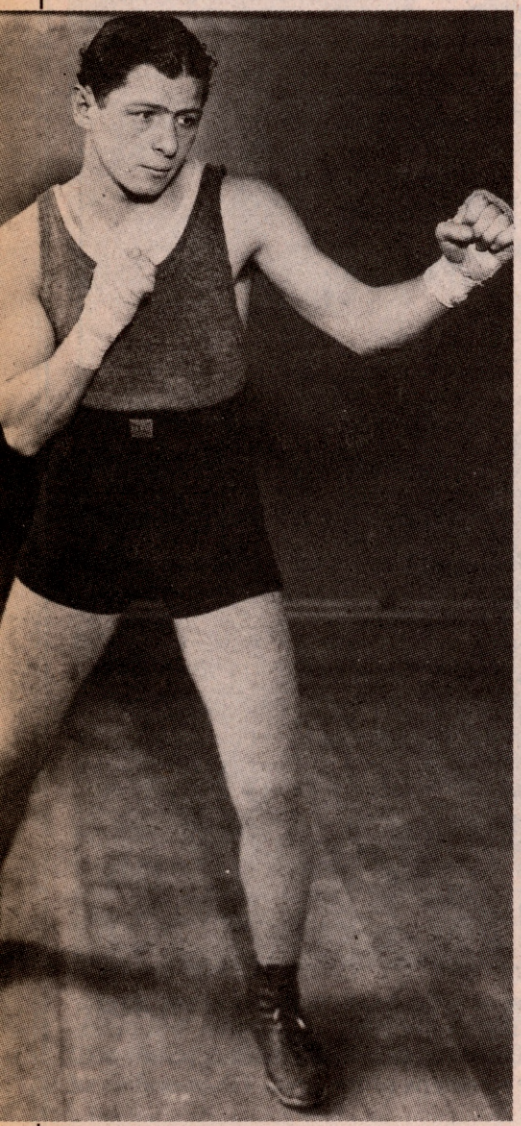
By Phill Marder

First off, let's put an end to this Sammy Dorfman controversy. Sammy's brother wrote to inform us that Sammy did indeed die several years back and that he is still very much dead. We haven't heard from California's Sammy Dorfman, so I think it's safe to say that we can now let the real Sammy rest in peace.

Q: I have a friend who insists his father fought some 40 pro (although I believe there's a slim chance it could have been amateur) fights in and around Athens, Greece. He went by the name of Constantinos or Kostas Papazoglou. Any information or even lack thereof would be greatly appreciated.

SEAN PANTIC
Canada

A: *It's all Greek to me!*



It's official. Despite several rumors to the contrary, Sammy Dorfman is dead. Sammy's brother dropped the "Answerman" a note, putting to rest a series of queries over the past year regarding Dorfman's demise.

Q: I was thumbing through the October, 1987 issue of *The Ring* and noticed that my great uncle Georges Carpentier is listed in the Boxing Hall of Fame. I believe he fought Gene Tunney and Young Corbett II, but I cannot find out more about his career or him, such as when he was born, his weight class, who he had matches against, if he ever held a title and when he died.

LUCILLE PRESCOTT
Canada

A: *Shame on you, Lucille. You should have thumbed through the December, 1987 issue of* **The Ring** *in which your great uncle Georges was ranked the seventh best light heavyweight champion of all time. That article would have answered most of your questions. Georges was born in Lens, France. Check this issue's calendar for the exact date. He died October 28, 1975 in Paris. He was stopped in the 15th round by Tunney in 1924.*

Q: As a regular reader of your excellent magazine, may I ask you to adjudicate in an argument currently raging in our bar before a few illegal bouts take place behind the pub? In your June '88 issue, you have given your opinion of the top 40 middleweights of all time with the rather surprising omission of the great Marvin Hagler. Around 80 percent of the boxing fans here believe he was left out by mistake whilst the remaining 20 percent believe he was left out on merit.

JIM EVANS
Great Britain

A: *Jim, you and your colleagues had better finish your reading before you get to the pub from now on. First, the article does not list the top 40 middleweights of all time. Instead, it rates the men who held the world middleweight championship. Some of the best middleweights never won the championship. Second, the introduction clearly states, "The two most recent world middleweight champions, Hagler and Leonard, also have been omitted from this survey as either, or both, are considered still quite capable of providing a performance that could radically change his place in boxing history." How's that for adjudicating?*

Q: I have requested this consideration a couple of times in the past. The reason I pursue this topic is that so much has been written about middleweights of the past that in *The Ring's* opinion were indeed the very cream of the crop. I repeat again — what the hell is the reason for overlooking Georgie Abrams?

JERRY BILDERRAIN
California

A: *Abrams was not included in the middleweight article because he was not a middleweight champion. His complete record can, however, be found on page 562 of the 1986-87* **Ring Record Book** *in a section entitled "Records of Selected Boxers of the Past." Since that section contains less than 25 entries, you can hardly call Abrams overlooked. As far as the magazine is concerned, how much do you want us to write about Georgie? He hasn't fought in 40 years!*

Q: On July 1, 1940, Jack Dempsey, the ex-world heavyweight champion, fought against and beat a fellow by the name of Cowboy Luttrell. All attempts to find information on Luttrell have failed and as a last resort I turn to you for help.

ANDRE DE VRIES
South Africa

A: *After retirement, Dempsey refer-*

eed professional wrestling. During one match, Luttrell swung at Dempsey so, in the best interest of professional wrestling, a match was made between the 45-year-old Dempsey and Luttrell. Luttrell wore gloves, but Dempsey used them, eventually knocking Luttrell right out of the ring. It was not an official bout.

Q: Please let me know the address where I can buy Harry Mullan's "The Illustrated History of Boxing."

PADDY MULRYAN
Ireland

A: *Harry's outstanding work can be purchased through W.H. Smith bookshops in Great Britain.*

Q: Recently a friend and I were reading an article about a boxer by the name of Craig Bodzianowski. In the article, they claimed that Craig had a wooden leg and defeated his opponent in the first round. Could you please confirm the details of this bout and the rest of Craig's career?

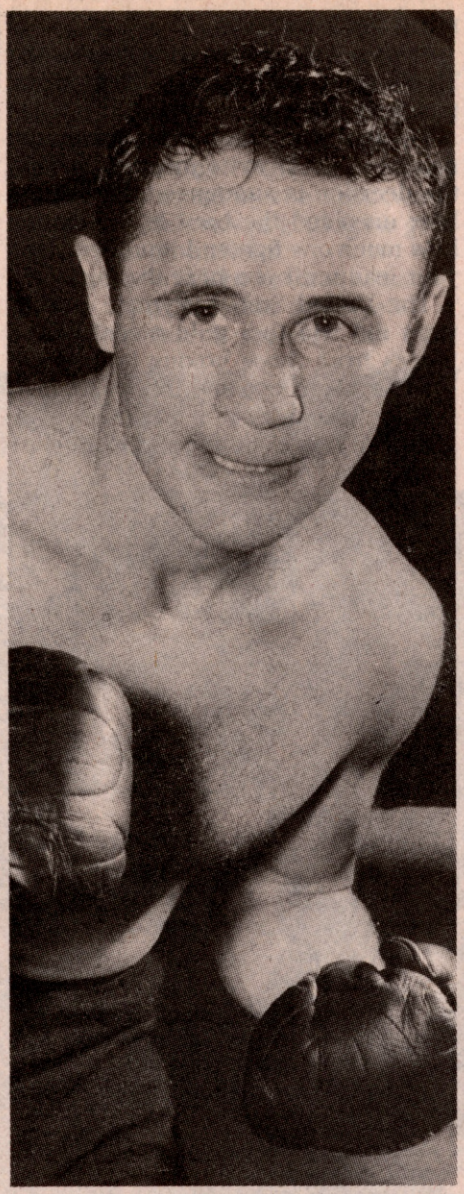
MIKE HAUGHTON
London, England

A: *Craig Bodzianowski is a 27-year-old heavyweight from Illinois who lost part of his leg in a motorcycle accident. He has an artificial leg, though it is not wooden, but much more flexible. Remarkably, Bodzianowski has compiled a 24-2 record, both losses coming to Alfonso Ratliff. In his last effort May 12, Bodzianowski lost his state heavyweight title to Ratliff, who already possessed the state cruiserweight crown, on a 10-round majority decision.*

Q: I am looking for information on a fighter who fought under the name of "Sailor" Burke. His right name was Frank Loughnane and he came from Worcester, Massachusetts. He was my father's older brother. This is all I know about him.

JACK LOUGHNANE
Massachusetts

A: *Jack's was not the lone query on the "Sailor." Dorothe Lawrence, also of Massachusetts, also wrote about her uncle. "Sailor" fought Jack Johnson Sept. 12, 1907, to a six-round no decision six fights before Johnson won the world heavyweight championship. In Randy Roberts' excellent biography of Johnson,* **Papa Jack—Jack Johnson and the Era of White Hopes**, *Roberts wrote, "After defeating Sailor Burke, another unmemorable fighter, Johnson returned to the West Coast . . . Johnson fought a rigged match against Burke (Johnson had agreed to allow his white opponent to go the distance . . .)*



It seems like Georgie Abrams still has a few fans out there. See question from Jerry Bilderrain for details.

Q: About Earnie Shavers. Where was he born, start and length of career, won-loss record and KOs. I know he fought Ali. Did he fight any other name fighters? I remember reading a *Ring* magazine where he is considered to be one of, if not the hardest puncher of all time. Is this correct? I have also heard he was on the comeback trail. Is this true?

MAGNUS SVENSSON
Sweden

A: *Several readers have written asking similar questions about Earnie Shavers. Shavers was born in Alabama in 1945, but fought out of Ohio. He started his pro career in 1969 and campaigned until 1983. He toyed with a comeback in 1987, knocking out Larry Sims in one round, but, thankfully, abandoned the idea. Shavers fought almost every top name in the heavyweight division, including Ron Stander (KOby5), Jimmy Young (KO3, D10), Jimmy Ellis (KO1), Jerry Quarry (KOby1), Ron Lyle (KOby6), Ali (L15), Larry Holmes (L12, KOby11), Ken Norton (KO1), Bernardo Mercado (KOby7), Tex Cobb (KOby8), Joe Bugner (KO2) and James Tillis (L10). His record was 72-13-1 with 67 KOs. Obviously, Shavers was a murderous puncher, but whether or not he was the hardest puncher of all time is impossible for me to determine. After all, fortunately I was never punched by Shavers—or Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis, Rocky Marciano, Joe Frazier, etc. Heck, I haven't even been punched by Mitch Green . . . yet.*

A final word. "The Answerman" receives tons of mail each month, far too much to answer each correspondence personally. Letters chosen for print are, generally, ones that will interest the greatest number of readers, ones that I know the answer to, or ones that I can think up a witty response to. Many times, questions are answered in the general context of the magazine, so don't just thumb through the pages of **The Ring.** Read each line closely and you too will be able to answer queries such as "Is Antonio Esparragoza an unbeaten fighter?" (Anton Jones, Alabama) or "What has happened to Tony Tucker and who is his manager?" (Scott Wallace, Massachusetts) or "What has happened to Eddie Mustafa Muhammad?" (William Spearman Jr., Pennsylvania).

SWEET SEOUL MUSIC

by Phill Marder

FOUR GOLD MEDALS.

Ooops. Make that *three* gold medals. That's three gold medals, three silver and three bronze.

Violated the first rule of boxing journalism — never write your lead before the decision is announced. No matter how onesided the bout is, no matter how much one fighter dominates. Hold your lead until you hear the decision.

The United States Olympic boxing team did win four gold medals. That judges from those boxing hotbeds of Uruguay, Morocco and Uganda saw fit to give Korean Si-Hun Park the decision after he was pounded non-stop for three rounds by Florida's 19-year-old Roy Jones changes only the official record.

As Jones put it, "To me, I'm a gold medalist. To the United States, I'm a gold medalist."

To everyone who saw the 156-pound final, Roy Jones is a gold medal winner. Everyone but Alberto Duran, Hiouad Larbi and Bob D. Kasule, that is.

Maybe Bob Arum was on the mark when he wrote in the *Las Vegas Sun*, "It's common knowledge in professional boxing circles that a person sent to Korea to referee or judge a world championship fight will receive,

shortly after his arrival, a visit from a Korean messenger at his hotel room. The Korean, smiling broadly, will hand the official an envelope filled with cash."

Those who take the cash had better score accordingly, continued Arum. Arum, writing before the Jones disgrace, more than hinted that this practice is not limited to the pro ranks.

But even without Jones' gold, the United States team put on a sterling performance. There were some sour notes, but for the most part Ken Adams' squad made sweet Seoul music with their fists. Much maligned going into competition, the 1988 team was drawing comparisons with the United States' 1976 squad by the time heavyweight Ray Mercer was getting his gold draped around his neck.

Just prior to Mercer's final triumph, Andrew Maynard had completed a superlative march through the light heavyweights. Earlier, Kennedy McKinney had earned the top spot in the bantamweight class. Michael Carbajal and Riddick Bowe joined Jones as silver medalists, and Romallis Ellis and Kenny Gould took home bronze.

The 1976 team produced five gold medalists, Leon (light heavyweight) and Michael Spinks (middleweight), Ray Leonard (light welterweight), Howard Davis Jr. (lightweight) and Leo Randolph (flyweight). And the Cubans were there in 1976.

Certainly, there was no indication this team would fare as well as it did. Particularly when Kelcie Banks opened the 125-pound tournament by getting blasted out in the first round. What followed was worse as Anthony Hembrick failed to show in time for his first 165-pound bout, giving his opponent a walkover. Four years down the tubes because no one could figure out the schedule.

And you thought the Baltimore Orioles got off to a bad start.

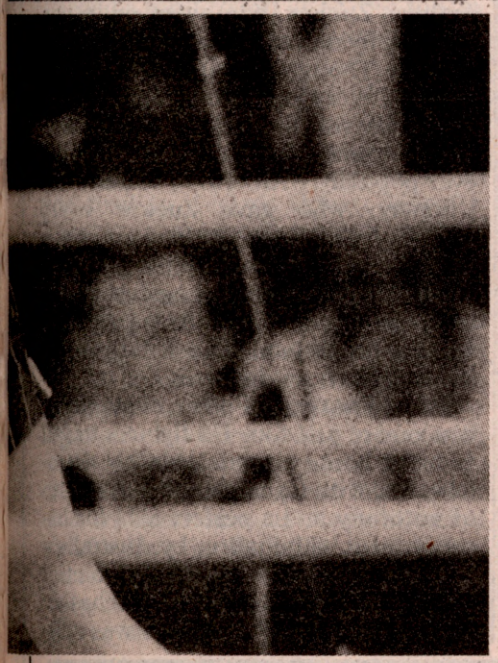
For those of you fortunate enough not to be in Seoul, Marv Albert, Ferdie Pacheco and Wally Matthews fed you all the gory details in one of the few bright spots of NBC's coverage of the '88 Commercials. Excuse me. Games. The three, working under, to put it mildly, somewhat trying conditions, were consistently excellent. Albert and Pacheco gave candid views of the surrounding circus, while newcomer Matthews worked his way around Chamshil Students Gymnasium to bring us timely and informative interviews.

Bedlam reigned from the outset. It was a riot.

Even before Australian referee Keith Walker was attacked after his rulings cost a Korean a decision, even before Hembrick came bolting into Chamshil thinking he had two hours before his fight, but realizing something was wrong, the madness had begun.

Canadian 125-pounder Jamie Pagendam battered Mongolian Tserendor Amarjargal of Mongolia for a fight-ending combination of three knockdowns and standing counts in the second round. Trouble was, the referee either forgot the rule or didn't care, allowing the bout to continue. When the third round began, Amarjargal landed one punch and the match was stopped!

Pagendam protested and, much to the surprise of almost everyone, the



The most memorable boxing moment of the Olympic Games came when Korean officials attacked Australian referee Keith Walker after his rulings cost a South Korean boxer the decision in the 119-pound class. Though no member of the U.S. team was involved in the brawl, the mini-riot set the tone for the poor officiating which haunted the boxing competition.

AP LASERPHOTOS

The United States' Todd Foster (left) cranks up the left hook which kayoed Jim-Chul Chun for the second time in one day. In perhaps the Games' most bizarre incident, Foster's first knockout was ruled a "no-contest" because Chun dropped his hands when he heard a bell from another ring.

decision was reversed. But he then was eliminated on a medical disqualification because he had been stopped by blows to the head. Bulgarian Kirkor Kirkorov, who didn't medal, received a walkover as Pagendam's next opponent. But later in the tournament, the International Amateur Boxing Association allowed Korean Jin-Chul Chun to be stopped twice in one night by Todd Foster.

In the first match, Chun heard the bell in the adjacent ring, dropped his hands and started toward his corner. Foster cold-cocked him. It was a legitimate punch and Foster was rightfully declared the winner. But while Foster sat in the stands watching teammate Arthur Johnson drop a tough decision to Korea's Kwan-Sun Kim, the decision was changed to no contest and Foster was informed he'd have to fight Chun again. So he did, stopping him again.

It took the Ben Johnson scandal to keep boxing from hogging all the headlines. And just when you thought everything was settling down and that the tournament would conclude smoothly, along came Jones.

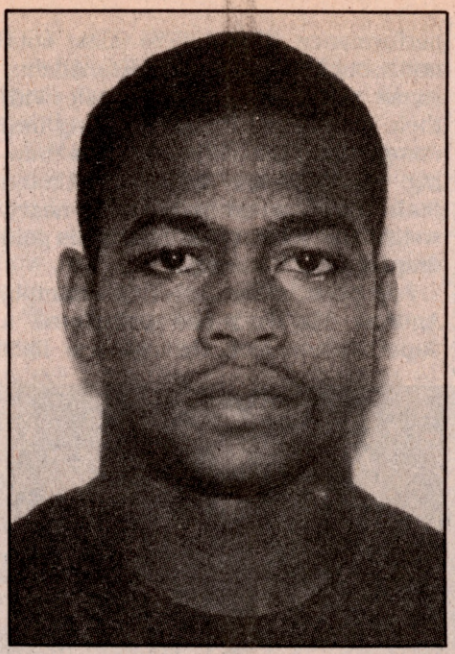
AFTER THE GOLD RUSH

So what comes next? The Olympics have become professional boxing's minor league, developing and showcasing new stars every four years.

Who will be the next Ray Leonard? The next Michael Spinks? The next Evander Holyfield? Which members of this US team will make marks in the pros? Which will flop?

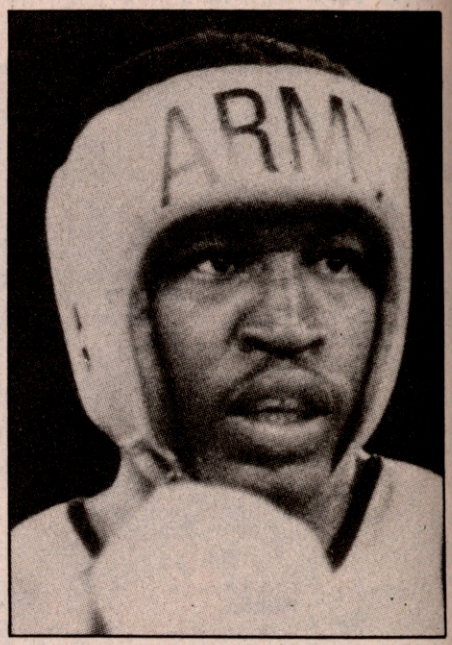
Michael Carbajal — Oddly enough, Carbajal and Jones could be the two best professional prospects from this team. And neither won gold. The 21-year-old Carbajal, of Phoenix, sparkled in winning silver in the light flyweight division. Carbajal outpunched his opposition until losing the final to Bulgarian Ivalio Hristov. The match was close, but Carbajal appeared to have an edge. Carbajal has everything needed to be a solid pro, but his size (106 pounds) will work against him. Television may give him exposure due to his Olympic performance, but opponents in this country will be hard to find.

Arthur Johnson — At 112 pounds, Johnson was also eliminated on a close decision. But Johnson's erasure came before the medal rounds and conqueror Kwang-Sun Kim of Korea went on



Roy Jones: robbed of gold by the judges.

Ray Mercer: heavy puncher looking for Tyson.



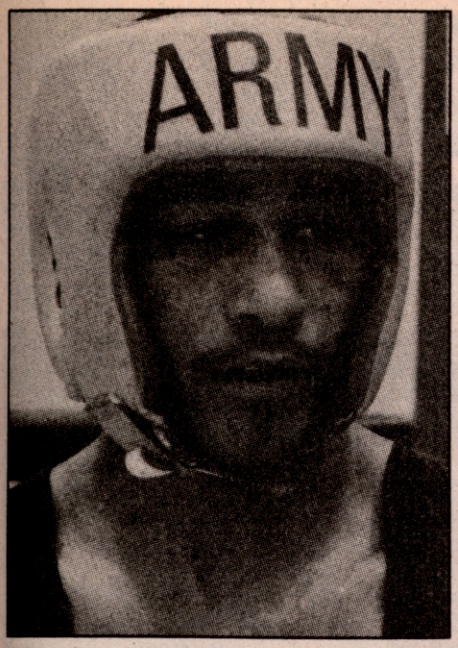
to win the gold medal with a 4-1 win over Andreas Tews of East Germany. Johnson has been around awhile and has had hand surgery the last two years. And, he's a flyweight in a heavyweight land. Doesn't figure to have an impact on the pro ranks.

Kennedy McKinney — This 23-year-old Texan was outstanding in taking the gold in the bantamweight division. Has improved lately and has all the tools to become a successful pro. McKinney was absolute perfection in his gold-winning performance against Bulgaria's Alexander Hristov. Could make his pro mark in a hurry.

Kelcie Banks — Banks was the star of the team until he struggled just to make the squad. Still, he was highly regarded in the featherweight class. As the first US fighter in action, he was expected to set the tempo. Thankfully, he didn't. Regilio Tuur of the Netherlands flattened him with one straight right in less than two minutes. Banks was out cold longer than he had fought. Tuur didn't even get a medal. Italy's Giovanni Parisi eventually won the gold, stopping Romania's Daniel Dumitrascu in 1:41. Tuur's destruction of Banks practically ended any serious consideration of Banks becoming a pro star. He'll have to come up through the ranks now, and he doesn't appear to have the talent or inclination to make that steep a climb.

Romallis Ellis — A veteran of international competition, lightweight Romallis Ellis of Georgia was not expected to garner much attention at these Games, and he didn't disappoint. But again, Ellis was a victim of a questionable call and had to settle for a bronze, losing 5-0 to East Germany's Andreas Zuelow, who went on to win the gold by defeating Sweden's George Cramne. Though Ellis appeared to have an edge, every judge voted against him. One judge was from Morocco, one was from Uganda. And another was the ever-popular Alberto Duran of Uruguay, who gave Zuelow every round! Yes, those three countries should sound familiar. They're the same guys who scored against Jones in his gold-medal loss. As a pro, Ellis faces a tough haul even if he gets all the decisions he deserves.

Todd Foster — Foster, of Montana, was one of just four US fighters to fail to bring home a medal, but his doubleheader with Chun gained him a heap of notoriety and a perfect alibi for his subsequent elimination by Australia's Grahame Chaney, who was outpointed by the Soviet Union's Viatcheslav Janovski for the gold. Foster was a lit-



tle pooped and his nose had been banged up in the Chun rematch, but those factors shouldn't disguise Foster's liability, which is a major lack of defense. He punches to the body like Matthew Hilton, and there's no questioning his desire or courage. But he can't block every punch with his face in the pros. Careful matchmaking could keep him alive as a marquee attraction and, with today's setup, earn him a world title shot. Ducking once in awhile wouldn't hurt.

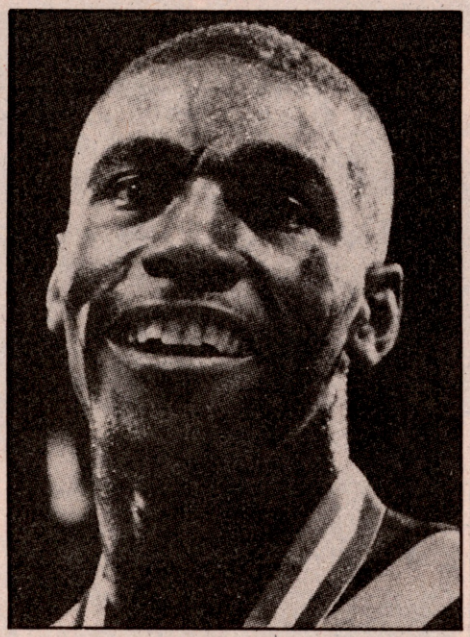
Ken Gould — An aggressive, but light-hitting welterweight, Gould's lack of power worked against him when he needed a third-round knockout to stay alive against France's Laurent Boudouani in the semifinals. Gould couldn't produce it, and Boudouani won comfortably, leaving the Rockford, Illinois native with a bronze. Boudouani wasn't that hot, losing in the final to Kenya's Robert Wanglia. Gould's pro prospects are bronze, also.

Roy Jones — A real darkhorse, Jones came through with everything but the gold. In spite of winning just a silver at light middleweight, Jones was named the outstanding boxer of the Olympics by the AIBA! Adams came right out and charged the Koreans with bribery. The notoriety gained from this disgrace will propel Jones into instant pro stardom much as disqualification did for Evander Holyfield. And Jones, like Holyfield, appears to have the ability to live up to the hype. Quick and clever and just 19 years old, Jones

Kennedy McKinney: bantamweight gold points to promising career.

Anthony Hembrick: missed the bus.

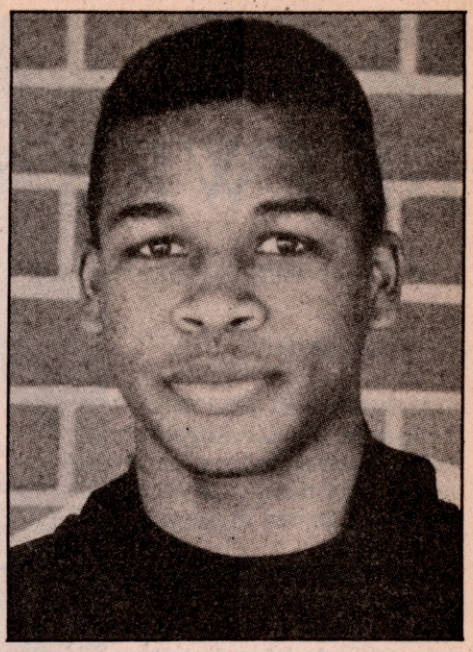
Andrew Maynard: beat Soviet for light heavyweight gold.



could be the next Sugar Ray Leonard.

Anthony Hembrick — Hembrick will also benefit from the exposure he received for missing his first fight. Public sympathy will be with him and fans will be cheering for him to do well. Especially after Hembrick showed great character by shaking off his disappointment to encourage his teammates. His example seemed to set a fire under Adams' squad. East Germany's Henry Maske won middleweight gold, and you *know* you'll be hearing a lot from him in the future. Canada's Edgarton Marcus won silver.

Andrew Maynard — Colorado's 24-year-old light heavyweight gold medalist could have a tremendous future as a pro. The 175-pound class has little talent, and it wouldn't take Maynard long to blast his way into a title shot of one sort or another. Maynard was relentless throughout the tournament, capping his performance by overpowering the Soviet Union's Nourmagomed Chanavazov, 5-0, for the gold. On the down side, he still takes too many rights. On the plus side,



he takes them.

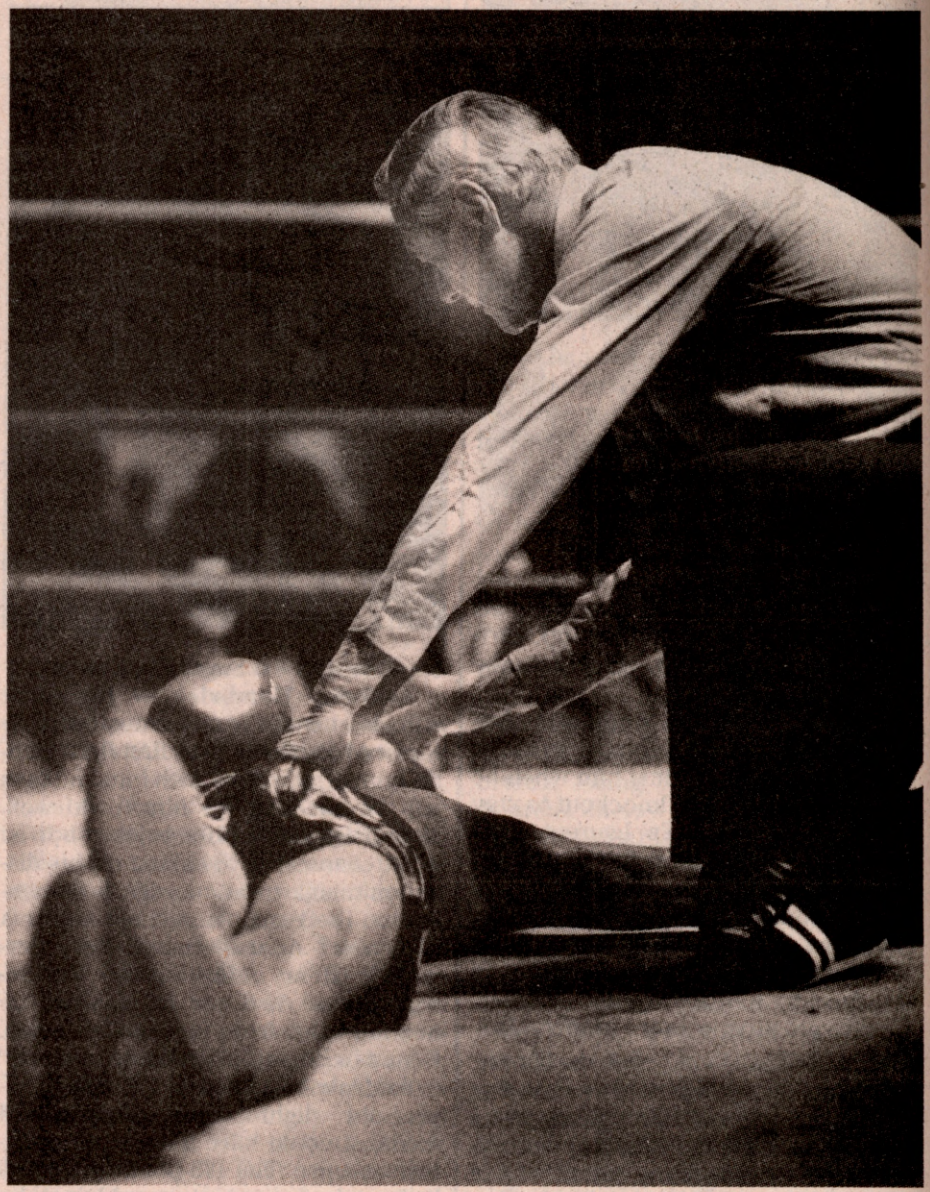
Ray Mercer — How good is Ray Mercer? At 27, with just one year's experience, he plowed through the Olympic heavyweight field much as Mike Tyson steamrolled through the professional ranks. Mercer is one promising fighter. Like Tyson, he is extremely quick with his hands, but still punches with power. The heavyweight division is as weak as the light heavyweight class, and Mercer could be in the top 10 before the end of next year. If he chooses to lose a few pounds, he could probably pick up a vacant cruiserweight title in his pro debut. He looked that good in destroying Korean Hyun-Man Baik in a pressure-packed finale.

Riddick Bowe — How bad was New York super heavyweight (201-plus) Riddick Bowe? Just imagine how much damage Teofilo Stevenson would have done to him. Bowe patterns himself after the young Cassius Clay, but Clay had talent. Bowe was slow, boring and less than skillful. True, he won a silver medal. But he appeared ready to quit after absorbing two counts in the first round of his semifinal with Russia's Alexandra Mirochnitchenko. When Bowe came back to win a 5-0 decision, it appeared he was finally ready to show his true colors. Maybe he did as he was stopped in the final by Canada's Lennox Lewis. Lewis is not bad, but any Canadian who can really fight is in the National Hockey League. As a professional, Bowe may make a living as a sparring partner. □

DEATH BETWEEN THE ROPES

One Man's Impression Of The Rico Velasquez Tragedy

by Eric Bottjer



Referee Hank Elespuru removes Velasquez's mouthpiece after Rico collapsed at the conclusion of the bout.

FOR SOME, THE ONLY IMAGE OF RICO Velasquez, the Los Angeles boxer who collapsed and died in a San Jose boxing ring Friday night (8-19-88), is the photograph that ran in the papers the following day.

It shows Velasquez lying on his back, his left arm outstretched, his right draped limply across his chest, his life inevitably draining from his unmoving body.

I will remember more.

There at ringside, staring at the soles of Velasquez's shoes after he fell face-first in the eighth round while walking back to his corner, I felt the mood of the 839 spectators turn from ugly to sick.

Ugly, in that many in the crowd had hollered for Velasquez's blood while he absorbed frightful head shots; sick, in that all realized the result was something haunting. They became unknowing voyeurs to an episode of a man being beaten to death in a lightened, elevated arena. They paid $21 for the privilege.

Velasquez's father Jesus, who doubled as his son's chief cornerman, was the first to realize death had ducked through the ropes. He stared into Rico's blank eyes, then stared at the auditorium's ceiling and crossed himself. The other cornermen jumped in quickly afterwards, cutting off Velasquez's gloves and shoes in such a frenzy that the crowd rose as one to watch, just as it did when Velasquez staggered in the latter rounds.

For a reported 14 minutes — it had to be more — a lone doctor worked to save Velasquez's life. He was dressed in white and he was old and he looked into the fighter's eyes with a penlight and searched Rico's wrist for a pulse.

The paramedics arrived and inserted an air bag in Velasquez's mouth. The fighter began taking unnaturally deep breaths.

Rico was seemingly without fear, a dangerous thing for a fighter. Boxers must accept and control fear. If consumed by it, they are guaranteed to lose.

He left the building on a stretcher to deep applause.

"He's gonna' be alright folks," the announcer said, bringing more applause.

For the real answer, I searched for the doctor, who was talking to a Bay Area boxing writer. The doctor said Rico had lapsed into a coma. "He's

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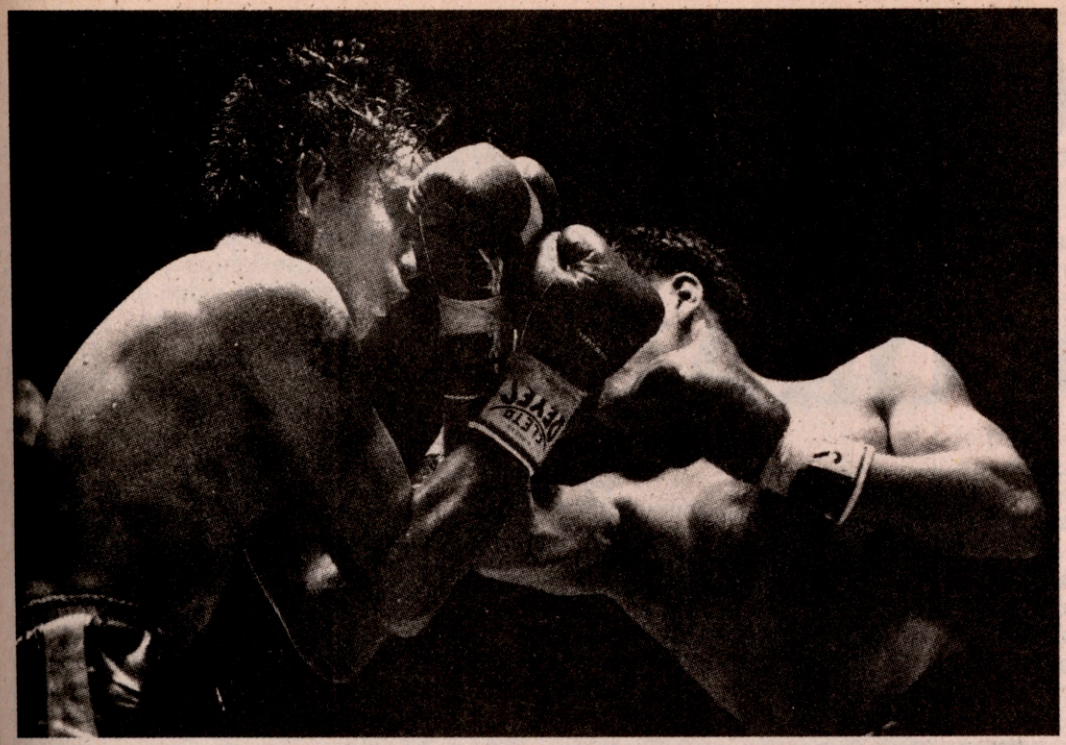

Rico Velasquez (left) absorbs an uppercut from David Gonzales during the bout which cost Velasquez his life.

gonna' be alright," the doctor replied without being asked. "They always come out of it."

At three p.m. the next day, several television reporters gathered at a small library at the San Jose Medical Center to hear why the doctor and the announcer were wrong.

"There was tearing of the small veins between the brain and the sinuses, probably caused by one punch," said Dr. Jeff Gutman.

The blood had no place to drain and built up pressure. Rico's brain had died, although his body was functioning with the help of a machine. Less than three hours after the press conference, the machine was shut off and Rico Velasquez died.

Gutman did not perform the futile two-hour operation on Velasquez, and I did not hear why he was spokesman for the media. Yet there he was on various channels throughout the weekend, telling those who had not been there why Velasquez died.

He did so in a detached, matter-of-fact manner. Perhaps he was masking feeling of contempt for those talking heads who inquired about Velasquez's health when the fighter's health no longer existed.

Gutman did not mask his feelings about boxing. "I put it right up there with bullfighting and cockfighting. It's a barbaric sport with sadistic people."

Friday's fight card was the fourth I had seen in person, the first where I sat at ringside. The main event featured Velasquez defending his state lightweight crown against David Gonzales, a 19-year-old San Jose resident.

I first saw Velasquez while the intermission lights were dimming, as he was heading to his corner, oddly alone. He had on a short purple terry cloth robe.

Velasquez's father Jesus, who doubled as his son's chief cornerman, was the first to realize death had ducked through the ropes. He stared into Rico's blank eyes, then stared at the auditorium's ceiling and crossed himself.

His body was spindly and he had a large tattoo on his right shoulder, which contrasted sharply with his boyish face. His long hair flopped to either side of his forehead — he looked as if he had just finished a long, windy bike ride.

It was hard to believe he weighed the same as the chisled Gonzales, who entered the ring to the ear-splitting sound of George Thorogood's "Bad to the Bone."

He was robed in black and his eyes never left Velasquez.

Velasquez winked at his father while walking to the center of the ring for the traditional stare down.

He won the first round, but only because Gonzales was so anxious to lash out that he forgot defense. Gonzales won the remaining rounds, and the number of punches he rained down on Rico ascended like a slow ocean wave.

Gonzales punched hard, but none of his blows were exceptional. Velasquez's ability to take them was.

Rico was seemingly without fear, a dangerous thing for a fighter. Boxers must accept and control fear. If consumed by it, they are guaranteed to lose. If they block it out, a fighter loses all sense of defense and self-preservation.

Rico was too brave.

So was veteran referee Hank Elespuru, who chatted with ringsiders between rounds instead of checking Velasquez's corner. "He's a good fighter," Elespuru motioned to Rico's corner after the fifth round. "A tough kid."

Those words swam in my head as I left the auditorium. "A good fighter. A tough kid."

He must have been more. □

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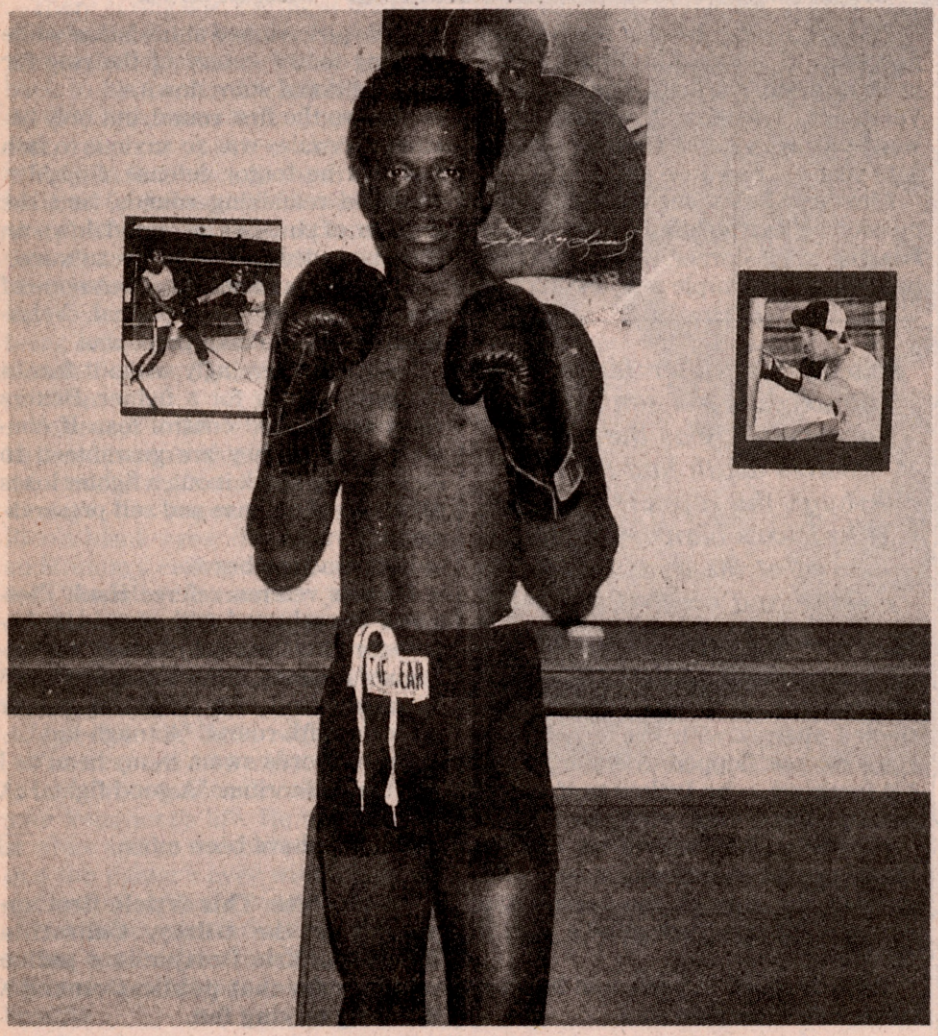
A NIGHT AT THE FIGHTS IN COLORADO

by Ed Walsh

The Ring's *Colorado correspondent Ed Walsh has been leading a fight to bring back the state athletic commission, which was abolished in 1977. Recently, Walsh filed this report on a club show in Denver, where the sport seemed to reach an all-time low in the "Mile High City."*



A MOST RIDICULOUS CARD OF BOXing was held in Denver August 27.

The promoter was Vern Stevenson.

The referee was Vern Stevenson.

The sole judge of the events was Vern Stevenson.

Stevenson explained that he, as the promoter, was using the old "English" system and, in doing so, he, the referee, was obligated to judge in addition to maintaining order in the square. He talked in such a manner as to impress upon the listener that the matter was out of his control.

"The fighters will be wearing gloves under these rules, right Vern?"

Vern never answers my questions anymore.

The fighters did wear gloves. In fact, the first participants wore sneakers and gym shorts as well.

One even wore his contact lenses, which caused him no small distress when, midway through Round One, he discovered it might be best to take them out!

An old "English Rules" timeout was granted.

The same fellow was not wearing a protective cup, however, and after he absorbed a wicked foul another prolonged timeout was endured.

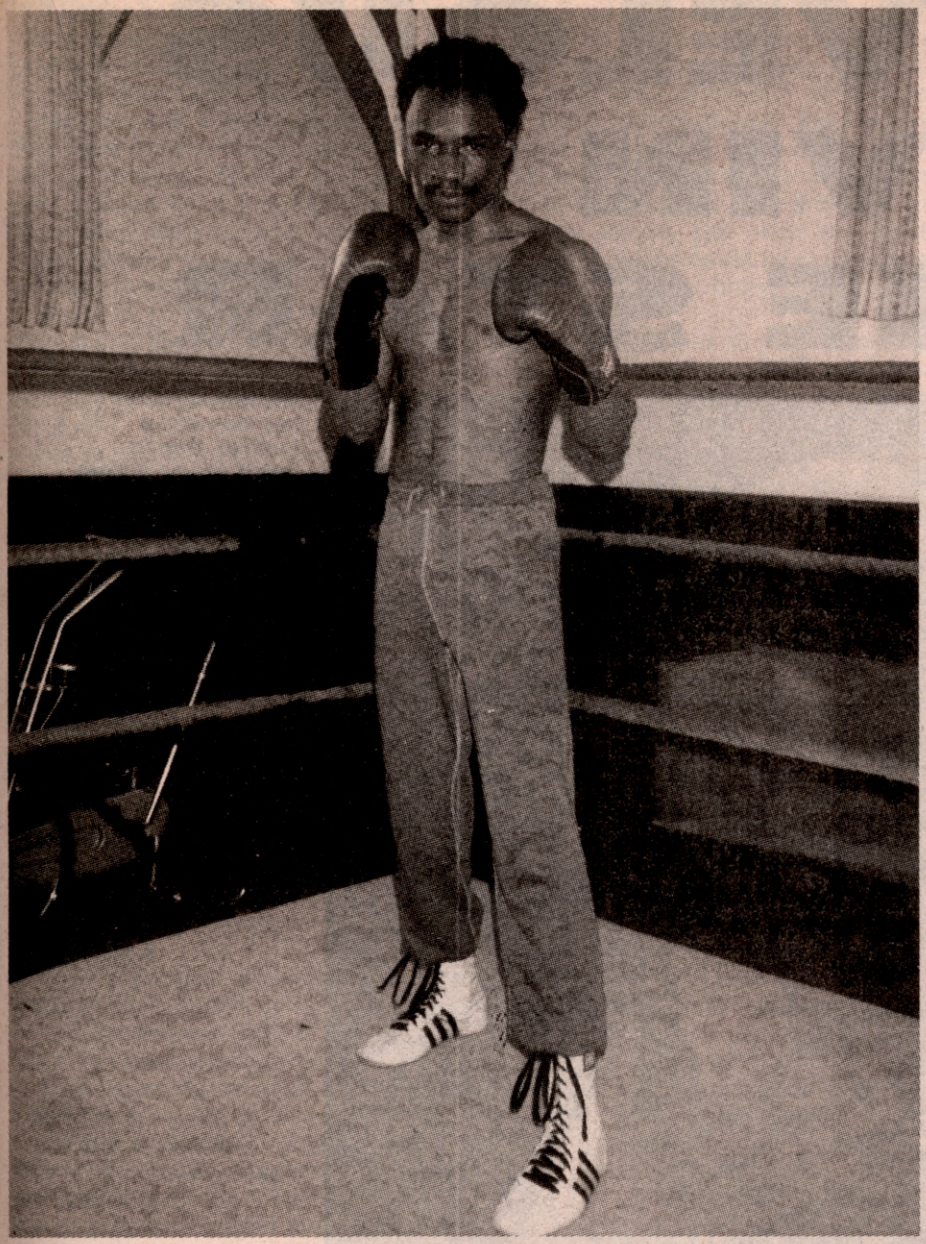
Mercifully, the bout was scheduled only for four one-minute rounds. One-minute rounds, you betcha'. And no further calamity arose to interfere with its passing.

The first real fight was to feature local pug Vidal Padilla against Bobby Brewer. Brewer, 135, had fought in the nationals as an amateur and was making his pro debut. Padilla, however, had canceled and a kickboxer named Joel Acosta, 132, was fed to Brewer. Brewer disposed of him early in Round Two (two-minute rounds) of the scheduled four.

The way fighters are paid by Stevenson is with tickets. They are given a number of tickets to sell and when they sell them, well, that's their purse. If you wish to sell more tickets, that's fine, but you must split 50/50 with the promoter, Vern Stevenson. Padilla is good at selling tickets.

Padilla's trainer, Joe Garcia, assured me he had a valid medical reason. Padilla had a wisdom tooth pulled August 22. Padilla was set to go through with the fight, but Garcia, worried about the possibility of a broken jaw because of the extraction, refused to

Bruce Flippins boxed the shoes off Gamma Acosta, but had to settle for draw.



work his corner and Padilla canceled. There is no more reputable soul in this business than Garcia, and if he says Padilla was unfit to fight because of the extraction, there is no reason to doubt him.

Padilla, according to Stevenson, did sell some tickets. His absence caused a problem for the North Side Rec Center, the seedy venue where this fiasco was held, as there were many phone calls the day of the card from people demanding refunds. In all likelihood, many of those requests were the result of tickets sold by Padilla.

The second fight saw Bruce Flippins, 128, box the shoes off plodding Gamma Acosta, 132. Acosta is a Denver fighter who also kickboxes. Stevenson has use for him in future endeavors and thus declared the four-rounder a draw.

Local amateur star Bobby Brewer had easy pickings in his pro debut when his original opponent pulled out due to dental surgery.

The third bout, also four rounds, saw Earl Jackson, 155, knock down Tony Biglen, 146, twice. Jackson was not supposed to do this, and Stevenson was vexed as to how to judge this obvious Jackson triumph. Biglen's father was screaming at him. Stevenson had used his fighters before and most certainly would need them again, but he could not grant such a lopsided fight to Biglen, even under old "English Rules."

Once again, the decision was a draw!

I went for a beer before the main event and when I returned one of the two participants from the idiotic opening bout was back in the ring banging away at a fellow schoolboy. The main event fighter was sitting on a table.

"What's up?" I asked the fighter.

"No fight," he replied.

"Why not?" I asked.

"No opponent," he replied.

After the foolish one-minute-round, four-round contest was ended, Stevenson came running over.

"Why no main, Vern?" I asked.

"Ya' wanna' know why, I'll tell ya' why, but don't talk to my fighters," Stevenson responded.

"Why?"

"I couldn't find an opponent," was Stevenson's answer.

I had expected some drawn-out tale of a fighter fleeing in terror or some nagging injury, but that was it — couldn't find an opponent. Under the old "English Rules," I guess that's good enough.

The next Stevenson show was scheduled for October 22, with the main event to be billed as a world middleweight championship fight! The so-called contenders were to be John Welters (who?) and the proverbial opponent to be named later!

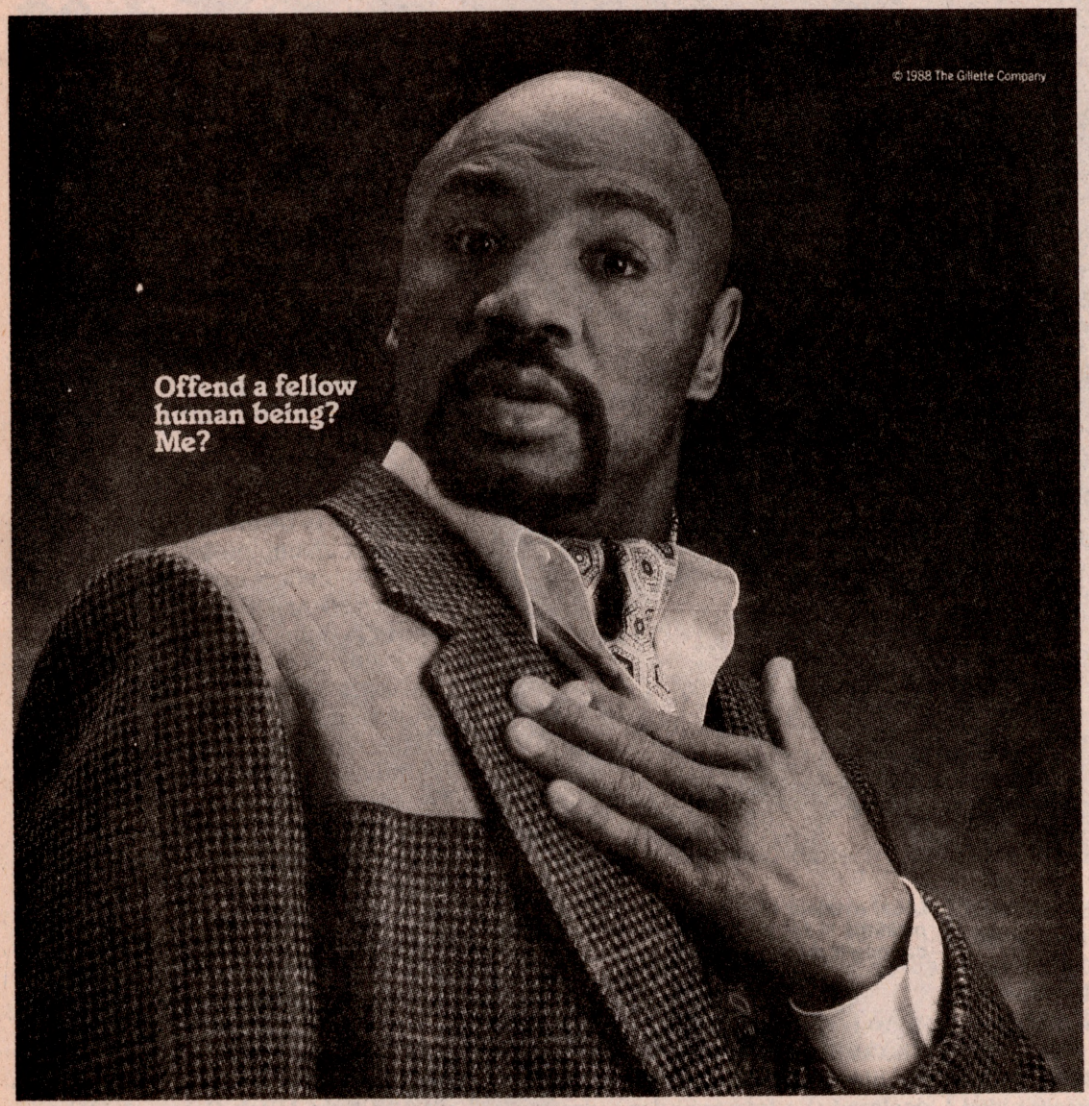
Stevenson told me he was trying to land Darrin Van Horn. Right. And I'm trying to get some action with Cher.

The most probable "opponent" is "world-class" MacArthur Blue Black. The title is to be sanctioned by Champ Thomas' World Professional Athletic Council, or the WPAC, which must be the son of the WAA. Stevenson is the president of this body and Thomas is the founder and president above the president. As far as I know, there are no other so-called executives.

What a shame I have to miss it as I plan to be in New York to see my brother married away. I'm also scheduled to fight Mitch Green at 4:30 a.m. at 123rd St. and Eighth Avenue. Will turn in the results of that bout if the office is open when I get there. If the office is closed, check the *New York Post*. □

Editor's Note: Colorado lawmakers voted against re-establishing a boxing commission September 20.

MARVELOUS MARVIN MOVIE STAR



Marvelous Marvin has become a familiar face in living rooms across the nation thanks to his latest commercial.

Hagler Discovers Life After Boxing

by Nigel Collins

LOSING TO SUGAR RAY LEONARD WAS torture for Marvelous Marvin Hagler. The controversial loss tore him up inside worse than a thousand left hooks to the liver. He seemed to be coming apart faster than scar tissue after a head butt. For awhile it looked like the strain of his first defeat in 11 years was going to send him down for the count.

If Hagler had been carried out on his shield the night he lost to Leonard, he probably would have taken the setback in stride. But Hagler, along with many observers, was convinced he'd won. That made the pill all the more unpleasant to swallow. Marvin had always been jealous of the media attention Sugar Ray attracts, and was openly contemptuous of his rival before, during and after the fight.

When Hagler awoke the morning after, minus his championship belts, he discovered that Leonard had inflicted far more damage to his ego than anything else.

Hagler was bitter and made no bones about it, bellyaching about the decision at every opportunity. Gracious in defeat he wasn't. His reaction was understandable, but disappointing, nevertheless. Then came a well-publicized spat with his wife, Bertha. The headlines were ugly enough, but nothing compared with the rumors. For the first time in years, Marvin's image wasn't exactly marvelous. It looked like the hugely popular ex-champ was headed for a fall.

But those of us who have followed Hagler throughout the years know better than to count him out too soon. Tenacity is his middle name. He hung tough — just like always — and battled his way back.

When it became obvious a rematch with Leonard wasn't going to happen in the foreseeable future, Hagler focused his energies elsewhere.

What better way to soothe a tattered psyche than to star in a movie?

Already a veteran of several television commercials, Hagler jumped at the opportunity for a feature role in the soon-to-be-released movie "Indio." He plays Sergeant Iron, an ass-kicking Marine hired by a ruthless multinational company to rub out the film's title character. Sounds like just the job for a man who once posed for the cover of *The Ring* magazine wearing a Superman outfit.

Of course, countless boxers have had a fling at acting. Certainly, some have been more successful than others, but none came close to duplicating the glory they enjoyed as fighters. Heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey even took time off from the business of defending his title to star in such clunkers as "Manhattan Madness" and "Daredevil Jack." At best, these fighters-turned-actors had a good run, then faded from the Hollywood scene.

It will be interesting to see how well Hagler fares. And how long he lasts. The producers of "Indio" (Filmauro and R.P.A. International) were smart enough to cast him in an action role. It should be right up his alley. Let's face it, Shakespeare probably isn't in Marvin's future. But with the right matchmaking, he could be challenging Chuck Norris at the box office in a year or so.

Initial indications are encouraging. Hagler's small catalog of TV work has been surprisingly good. His delivery is convincing, his manner relaxed. An early role (as himself) in the kid's sitcom "Punky Brewster" was passable, and since returning home from filming "Indio" on location in the Philippines, he has shot an episode of "227" in California.

All three of Hagler's major TV commercials have been excellent, beginning with his plugs for Pizza Hut and Diet Coke, and continuing with his current campy spot for Right Guard deodorant stick. All of them benefited from a sense of humor, something which seems to come naturally to Hagler.

However, Marvin isn't relying on his name and blue-collar charisma to carry him through a second career. Before leaving for the Philippines, he studied with a drama coach in preparation for his stint before the cameras. After all, he'd be working with Francesco Quinn (the son of Anthony Quinn) and Brian Dennehy of "Cocoon" and "Silverado" fame. Reportedly, the Marvelous One more than held his own, both in and out of the clinches.

According to publicist Peter DeVeber, a sequel has been talked about and Hagler has already received another script for consideration.

"It's a good-guy detective story that starts in New York and then moves to South America," reported DeVeber.

Perhaps the most heartening thing about Hagler's new career is that he is tackling it with the same zealous dedication he brought to the ring.

"It took awhile to sink in, but Marvin realizes he has to work as hard at acting as he did at fighting," said DeVeber. "Also, it's something he believes he can do well, something that motivates him. He needs lots of work and knows it, but he's enjoying himself and wants to do well."

Of course, as Mike Tyson will tell you, it takes more than fame and fortune to insure a happy life. It is no secret that Marvin and Bertha's marriage was on the rocks a few months ago. But there is also promising news on the domestic front.

When Hagler returned from the Philippines, he rounded up Bertha and the five kids, hopped in a Winnebago and hit the road for a family vacation. They were away from early July until Labor Day. It was an opportunity for Marvin to escape the spotlight. Before, he couldn't seem to get away from the Leonard fight. Wherever he went, someone would bring it up. After awhile, even those telling him he was robbed became unwanted reminders.

The vacation also gave the Hagler family a chance to get reacquainted. While nobody is predicting unabated matrimonial bliss from here on, it appears Mr. and Mrs. Hagler are making every effort to patch things together. You can't help but wish them well.

Though I've never quite forgiven Hagler for beating my boyhood hero Bennie Briscoe, I've always been a fan and an advocate of his greatness. It's been my privilege to cover many of Hagler's bouts, starting with his first match in Philadelphia, January 13, 1976. That's the night the Philly judges robbed him and gave the decision to Bobby "Boogaloo" Watts. I came out of the hospital for that one, but literally wished I had stayed in bed after the disgraceful verdict.

The next time Hagler ventured down from Brockton, Willie "The Worm" Monroe outpointed him, fair and square. Besides Leonard, it's the only real loss he's got. But Hagler kept coming back for more. You had to admire his guts.

Philadelphia fans knew Hagler was something special way before the rest of the world caught on. He eventually beat the best middleweights the city had to offer at a time when the best in the world hung their cups in Philly gyms. It was there he established a reputation the power brokers couldn't ignore forever. Everybody knows the story after that.

I've never quite lost that special feeling about Hagler, the feeling I'd been in on something big from the beginning. Of course, I hadn't. Not really. Not when you think about his family, the Petronelli brothers and all the supporters who'd followed him from the amateurs. But early enough to feel a link with his greatness. I think there

are a lot of people who feel the same way about him. It's probably because it took Hagler 50 pro fights before he got his first crack at a world title. There was plenty of time to build a following.

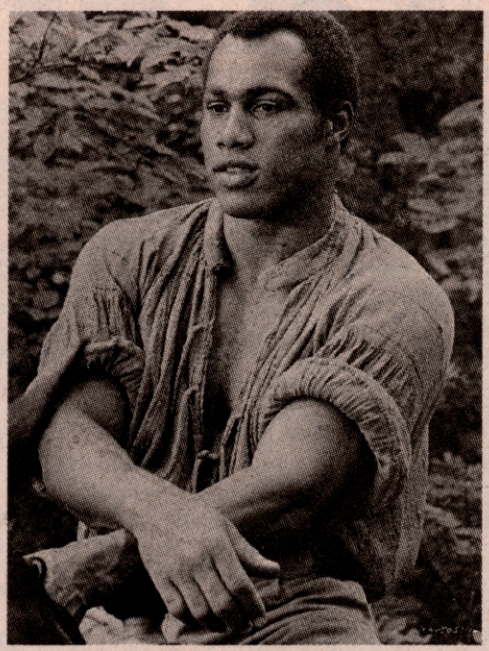
But like so many wonderful fighters, Hagler's greatest fame came in his twilight years. By then, practically everybody was in his corner. Most of those people are still around today. We hear from lots of them here at *The Ring*. They rushed to Hagler's defense after the Leonard bout, they've chastised Sugar Ray and called him nasty names for refusing to give Marvin a rematch. They've sent poems in tribute to Hagler's fighting spirit and compared him glowingly with the best 160-pounders of the past.

Yes, Hagler definitely has a constituency out there. If half as many people attend his movies as watched him fight, he'll be home free.

I know I'm going. □

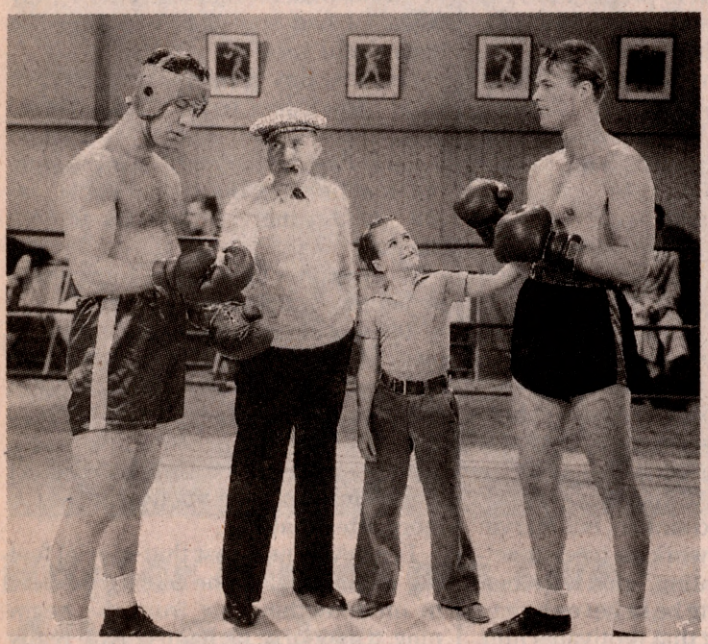
THE ROAR OF THE GEASEPAINT

MARVELOUS MARVIN Hagler may be the most recent champ to try his luck in the movies, but not the first — not by a longshot. Here's a nostalgic look back at just a few of the famous fighters who also made their mark in Hollywood.



A young Ken Korton flexed his muscles in the 1975 Paramount release "Mandingo."

Archie Moore in the role of "Jim" in the movie version of Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn."



Former light heavyweight champion Maxie Rosenbloom (left) prepares to go a few rounds with Wayne Morris in Warner Bros.' "Don't Pull Your Punches."

Jack Dempsey changes his image for the 1929 silent flick, "Daredevil Jack."

Marvelous Marvin Hagler and Francesco Quinn in a scene from the movie "Indio."

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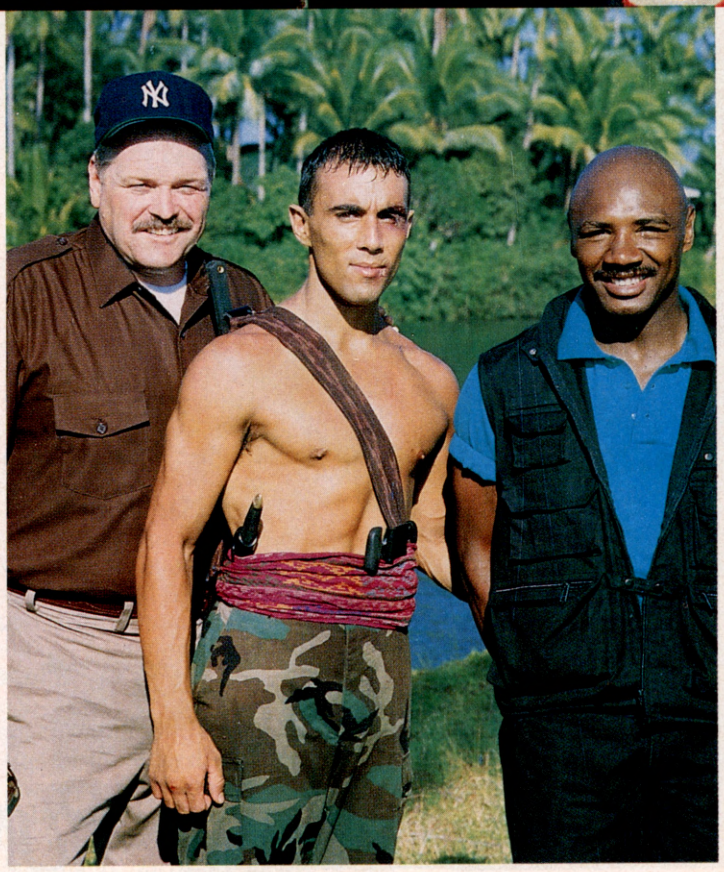


Stars Marvelous Marvin, Quinn and Brian Dennehy on location in the Philippines while filming "Indio."

LOOKING OUT FOR NUMBER ONE

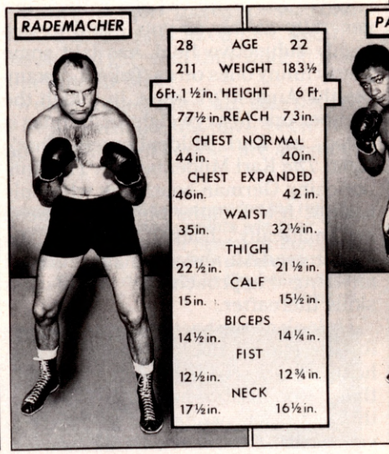
by Joseph D'O'Brian

Despite an imposing physique and a charming personality, Brit Frank Bruno has done nothing to earn his top contender status.

IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION that Frank Bruno, noted British heavyweight, has recently been elevated to the office of number-one contender by several convocations of the Alphabet Boys. This is only right and proper, I guess, since he and the Champ, a Mr. Tyson, are supposed to have it out this winter, in or near London.

This strikes one as rather odd, I must say. Bruno is not a bad fighter: he's strong and brave, boxes nicely, and he can punch. But he also has a way of sooner or later getting himself knocked out by fighters who couldn't carry Tyson's jockstrap (For he is an Englishman, as Gilbert and Sullivan might have put it). Bruno's maybe good enough to be in the top 10, if only because there isn't much talent in the heavyweight division these days. But the only rationale I can come up with for ranking him number one is that Tyson has already agreed to fight him. Therefore, I suppose, he must of necessity be number one. Logicians might refer to this sort of thinking as *pre hoc ergo propter hoc.*

I don't object to a Tyson-Bruno match being made. Bruno is as deserving as most of the guys out there. But since there is pretty unanimous agreement among those in the know that the only heavyweight who *might* give



The Tale of the Tape for the 1957 match between heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson and Pete Rademacher failed to show one important stat: challenger Rademacher went into the bout without a single pro fight to his credit.

Tyson a run for his money is Evander Holyfield, why are the Alphabet Boys bestowing on Frank Bruno the high office of number-one contender, an office which, while unofficial, is fairly prestigious?

Search me. Perhaps it's just another of those delightfully madcap gestures to which the Alphabet Boys are prone from time to time. But in all fairness to those august bodies, you have to keep in mind that this sort of thing has been going on for many years, since long before anyone went out to conquer the boxing world armed only with three initials and an I.Q. of 65.

Dig up some old ratings some afternoon when you've nothing else to do. Any of the Alphabet Boys' ratings from the past 20 years will do; every boxing magazine publishes its own ratings; *The Ring* has been doing it since the early 1920s. And if you go over those ratings, and recall the actual historical status of some of the fighters rated therein, you'll find that the ratings men came up with some real doozies every so often.

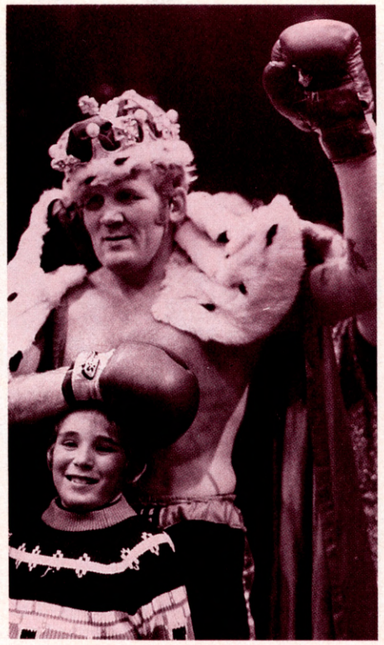
Even *The Ring*, whose ratings are generally as fair as you'll find in this highly subjective field, has laid some pretty funny ones on us. Take for example the August '67 issue, in which the number one heavyweight contender is listed as Karl Mildenberger. That's right. *The* Karl Mildenberger. The nonpunching German southpaw who only a short few months before had been systematically hacked to bits by Muhammad Ali, and who never showed anything approaching world-class skills thereafter.

Or look at our heavyweight rankings for the end of 1940. The number one heavyweight contender? None other than Max Baer, who had shown nothing whatsoever against Joe Louis five years earlier, who wasn't getting any younger, whose record for the previous four years had been 7-2, and who had been kayoed by the doubtfully regarded Lou Nova the year before.

Of course, in each of the three cases cited above, it was no big thing. Whoever the Alphabet Boys, or *The Ring*, had in the number one spot was not going to make a dent in the reigning champ anyway, even if we'd hired a session gorilla to take over the spot temporarily.

The big thing happens when it's not just a matter of ratings, when a fighter, his manager, or one of the Alphabet Boys decides that the most worthy challenger of the moment is some guy who has no business being in the ring for anything more important than a six-round walkout, and no business being mentioned in the same breath with any world-class fighter.

Muhammad Ali fought a lot of excellent fighters, but England's Richard Dunn wasn't one of them. Dunn is pictured here after winning the European title in 1976.



We've had many of those incidents over the years, and once again, it isn't solely the Alphabet Boys' doing. There was the epic Floyd Patterson-Pete Rademacher brawl in 1957, for instance. There was Muhammad Ali against Jean-Pierre Coopman, Richard Dunn or Alfredo Evangelista. Joe Louis vs. Harry Thomas. Way back when, Tommy Burns vs. Bill Squires, Jem Roche, Jewey Smith, or Jim Jeffries vs. Jack Munroe.

And that's only in the heavyweight division, where this sort of thing happens relatively rarely. It happens all the time in the lighter weight classes, where fighters are lesser-known and their qualifications are harder to check up on.

The funny thing about these mismatches is that one way or another, they can all be justified, if only through highly perverse reasoning. Patterson-Rademacher, possibly the most flagrant of the above examples, was justified on the grounds that it was to be a match between the best professional heavyweight in the world and best amateur. Champion vs. champion. Oh, sure, that was crock all the way, and everyone knew it. Pete Rademacher had never had a professional fight — not one — and was fighting for the title. The match should probably have been boycotted by everyone from the referee to the old men in the last row of the cheap seats.

But still, it made sense! After all, don't we sometimes have golf or tennis matches between amateurs and professionals, and doesn't an amateur win once in a blue moon?

Some people think Mike Tyson should be arrested for even thinking about fighting Frank Bruno. Iron Mike is seen here in a gag shot with a couple of London "Bobbies" during an earlier trip to England.

Muhammad Ali used the film *Rocky* as a limp excuse for his bout with Evangelista. Evangelista wasn't a world-beater, the logic went, but he was a hard-working ham-and-egger who deserved the same chance Rocky Balboa got. Besides, Ali once remarked, it sure would be neat if this poor fellow were able to fight hard enough to go the entire distance.

This was when a lot of B.S. detectors started flashing. Most of us figured that what was really going on was that Ali couldn't beat a good fighter any more, and he knew it, hence Evangelista. And as for that part about going the distance, well, we figured that was because Ali couldn't swing his fist through a block of raspberry Jell-O at his age, and just didn't want anybody to catch on. So he planted the idea in our innocent heads that if Evangelista didn't fall, it would be a result of the Spaniard's indomitable determination, rather than Ali's profound lack of a punch.

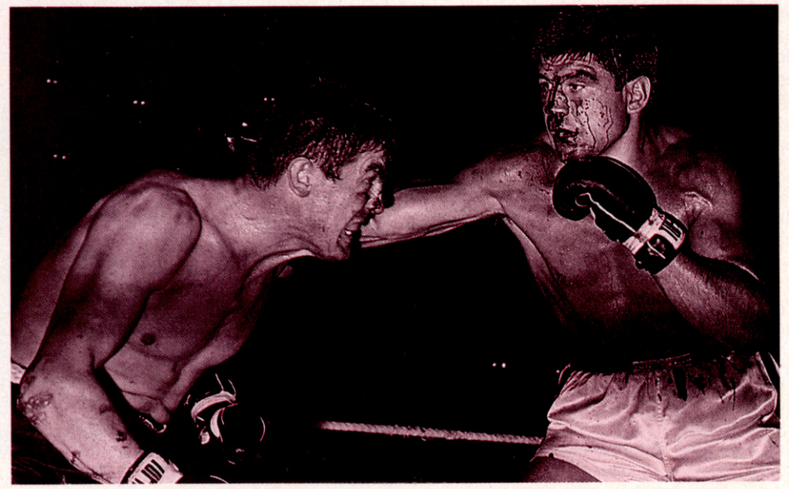
Poor guy didn't fool anyone. I can still remember suffering through all 15 rounds on TV, listening to Howard Cosell kvetching, "Oh, this is terrible," as Ali and Evangelista showed us just how slow and fumbling two heavyweights can be, and for once agreeing with him.

Speaking of Cosell and his censorious tone puts me in mind of another great mismatch that did, in fact, have some justification. I refer, of course to the bout that (Thank you, Jesus!) prompted Cosell's exit from the TV boxing scene, Larry Holmes vs. Tex Cobb.

Well, yes, Cosell's departure was one good thing about that bout. But it was also justifiable in that Tex Cobb was a popular choice as a challenger for the heavyweight title. He didn't deserve it; he was never more than a good second-rater. But the fans liked him, and the fans should get what they want at least from time to time.

We do forget, after all, that several of these mismatches have been very popular. Most, of course, are abomina-

Germany's Karl Mildenberger (on the right en route to a bloody points win over Yvan Preberg) was a decent fighter by European standards, but hardly deserving of the number one spot in the heavyweight rankings.



tions that no fan is prepared to condone, such as Ali-Evangelista, Frazier-Terry Daniels, Foreman-Joe Roman, and so forth. But Holmes-Cobb was a popular match. We all knew Cobb couldn't fight, but we all liked him, he was the most colorful heavyweight to come along since Ali, he was funny, and he was the closest thing possible to an ordinary guy like you and me.

Another such was the Joe Frazier-Ron Stander battle back in 1972. Stander was a fighter of about the same caliber as Tex Cobb, if you want to assess his career charitably, and Frazier was as mean as ever. Stander got nothing but a beating and a bunch of stitches.

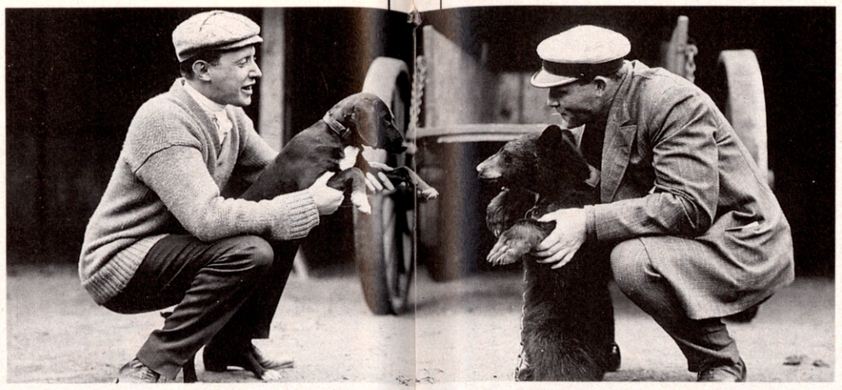
But it wasn't really a bad fight. This chubby journeyman went out and did his best, and he actually won the first round, treating the champ with surprising disrespect. When the bout was stopped to prevent Stander from bleeding to death, he was still fighting back hard.

The justification for this bout was simple: First, there weren't too many real contenders. Ali was a logical opponent, but neither he nor Frazier were willing to go through a war like that for a few months yet. George Foreman would be a logical opponent, but he wasn't quite ready yet. And other than that, the top 10 was filled with luminaries like Jack Bodell, Jose Luis Garcia and Mac Foster. Second, there was an opportunity to stage the bout in Omaha, right next door to Stander's home town of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Now, who on Earth would pass up the chance to defend his title in Omaha? No, seriously, folks, that is a good reason. You wouldn't dream of staging a Frazier-Ali or a Frazier-Foreman bout in Omaha, would you? Still, I'm sure Omahaans are as anxious as anyone to see a real live heavyweight title bout. So, when there aren't many really good contenders around, why not stage a throwaway defense in a smaller town? In its way, that can only be good for the sport.

Not to mention that these bouts can surprise you, every now and then. Back in 1970, Jose Napoles found himself without a really worthy opponent, so he went up to Syracuse, N.Y. to defend himself against hometown boy Billy Backus, who had an indifferent record, was barely in the top 10 at a time when the welters weren't exactly brimming with talent, and whose only real claim to fame was that he was trained by Carmen Basilio.

Sure enough, Napoles bangs him around the ring for the first three rounds. No surprises. Then the champ gets a nasty cut across the eyebrow in the fourth, and it's over. Billy "Who?" Backus is welterweight champion of the world, having defeated someone who might edge into a list of the all-time top 10 at his weight.

And that brings us back to the upcoming Tyson-Bruno match. I wouldn't bet so much as an old sock on Bruno's chances, but it is just barely possible that he could win. Pigs might fly some-



A rare photo of heavyweight Jack Munroe (right) and manager Harry Pallok trying to get something started between a dog and a bear cub. It was a far more competitive match than when Munroe challenged Jim Jeffries in 1904. "The Boilermaker" disposed of Munroe inside of two rounds.

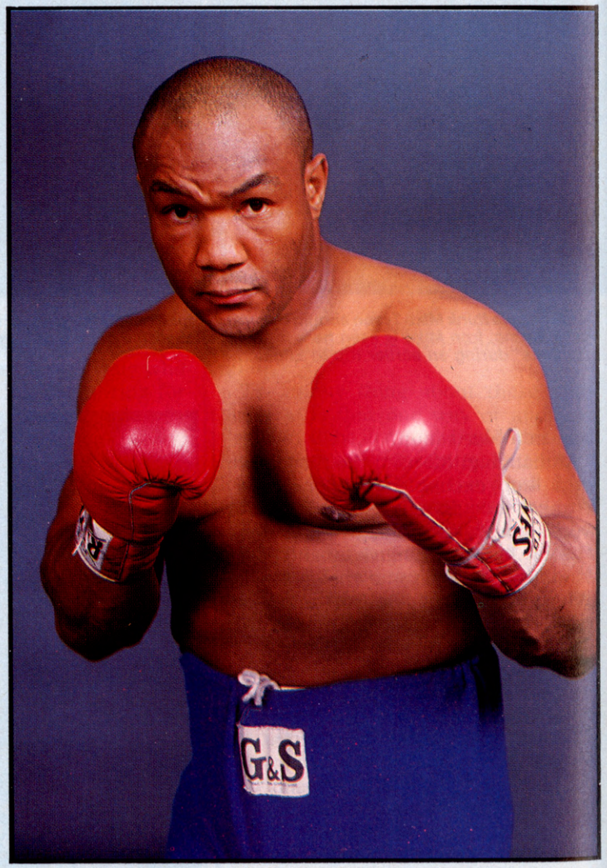
day, too. And he's a popular hometown boy. And London, the birthplace of modern boxing, has not seen a real heavyweight championship fight since 1966. They've got one coming. As long as Tyson plans to fight Evander Holyfield sometime in 1989 (and there's no reason to suspect that he doesn't), there's no problem with his fighting Bruno first.

But come on, fellas, don't insult our intelligence by telling us that Bruno is the most likely heavyweight around today. Just let us enjoy this bout for what it is: a pleasant farrago leading up to the real defense against the number one contender. That's the way it used to be handled, back when the champ picked an opponent who was not arguably the strongest.

And I don't know about you, but I think it was more fun that way. □

FRANKLY SPEAKING, BRUNO DOESN'T RATE

by Phill Marder



If Bruno deserves a crack at the heavyweight title, then so does George Foreman.
PHOTO BY MARC MORRISON

YOU HAVE TO FEEL SORRY FOR FRANK Bruno.

The big Brit has been waiting and waiting for his chance at heavyweight champion Mike Tyson. And Tyson keeps screwing up, postponing the match.

It's just not fair to keep such a deserving contender on the sidelines. Bruno certainly does warrant his chance. He must. The WBA and WBC each have him ranked No. 1 and the IBF lists him No. 3.

Trouble is, *The Ring* doesn't rank him at all. How can this magazine ignore Bruno's sparkling credentials? Even if Bruno didn't have the outstanding resume he possesses, the rich tradition of British superiority in the heavyweight division should be enough to get him rated.

But this magazine's ratings are far from perfect. After all, we ask a fighter to beat someone of merit to earn a ranking. Surely, Bruno has done this. Hasn't he?

In an effort to correct an obvious injustice, *The Ring* staff reviewed Bruno's record, coming to the startling conclusion that George Foreman deserves a title shot more than Frank! Here's why.

Until July 19, 1986, Bruno had met one — count 'em — one rated opponent, James "Bonecrusher" Smith. Smith knocked him out in the 10th round in 1984. But back came Bruno with a vengeance, "earning" a chance at the "world heavyweight championship" with sterling victories over top contenders Ken Lakusta, Jeff Jordan and Phil Brown.

So, in 1986, Bruno entered the ring against "world heavyweight champion" Tim Witherspoon, who earned the right to hold the title once worn by such greats as Jack Johnson, Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis, Rocky Marciano, Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier by beating that dynamo, Tony Tubbs. At least, according to the WBA he did.

Witherspoon knocked out Frank in 11 rounds. In London.

Now, Bruno was forced with the unpleasant and difficult task of working his way back up the ratings before being granted another chance. This is how he accomplished the feat, according to "The Three Stooges" that govern boxing.

After an eight-month layoff, Bruno returned to ring warfare March 24, 1987, against a true test — James "Quick" Tillis. A win over Tillis would prove Bruno's merit as a contender. After all, in his previous bout Tillis had stopped that powerhouse Ronnie Douglas. Forget that he had been stopped by Mike Williams and drawn with Avery Rawls in his two bouts before the win over Douglas. Oh, Bruno impressed. He stopped Tillis in the fifth.

Okay, so Tillis was never that good in the first place and was shot by the time Bruno faced him. Frank wasn't about to rest on his laurels. Just three months later he was in there with that "Minneapolis Mauler," Chuck Gardner.

This one was so bad, even the British press, which, due to its recent battles with the IBF, is just now beginning to realize how cheap championships come under boxing's current setup, complained. Why? Just because Gardner was rumored to be anywhere from 35 to 50 years old was no reason to demean his qualifications. Geez, he had fought once already that year, beating the ever-popular Terrance Cowans!

Bruno flattened him with his first punch. But no, the British press screamed. This is no way to earn a shot at the heavyweight championship. Bruno must prove himself. Big Frank was undoubtedly being picked on.

Undaunted, Bruno was back in action just two months later. If he had to prove his worth, he would. Even if he had to tangle with a more dangerous foe — Reggie Gross.

Now here was a real test. So what if Gross had been stopped in the first round by Tyson 14 months before and hadn't fought since. So what if he had lost to Henry Tillman in the fight before that. He was well rested, wasn't he?

Bruno took eight rounds to stop him. Sure he took longer than Tyson, but he got the job done and that's what counts. It counted in the ratings, at least as far as the "Three Blind Mice" were concerned.

But if Frank Bruno was going to be a mandatory title contender, he would have to prove his merit once again. And once again, he was thrown in with a tiger — 37-year-old Joe Bugner.

All right, so we can't complain about Bugner's credentials. Hadn't he gone the distance with Ali "only" 12 years before facing Bruno? Hadn't he beaten another great former "world heavyweight champion" Greg Page just prior to facing Bruno? So what if he had losses to Marvis Frazier and Stefan Tangstad in his previous six fights?

Bruno dazzled in "The Battle of Britain," stopping Bugner in eight. Even Ali hadn't done that.

Now Frank was firmly established as the top contender. His demanding schedule having solidified his position in the minds and eyes of boxing's "Three Amigos," Bruno was entitled to a well-deserved break.

He hasn't fought since meeting Bugner. That was November 25, 1987!!

In the same time period, Foreman has cranked off 12 straight knockout victories. But his opposition has been nowhere near the quality of Bruno's, and Tyson's manager, Bill Cayton, has repeatedly insisted Foreman does not figure in Tyson's future until he beats someone in the top 10. Like Bruno, right Bill?

But George, at 40 and a former real, honest-to-goodness legitimate world heavyweight champion at that, has been around the block enough to know the score. His comeback campaign has already earned him notches in some ratings. And why not? Hasn't he beaten Ladislao Mijangos, who was coming off a win over Leon Spinks? And didn't he stop Carlos Hernandez, who was disqualified against Razor Ruddock after being stopped by Boone Pultz and Rickey Parkey? And didn't he stop Frank Williams or Frank Lux, or whatever name he uses in Alaska, who lost to Tim Morrison and was knocked out by Tex Cobb?

And let's not forget the KO over Guido Trane, who just may be the second best heavyweight in Italy behind Francesco Damiani, who probably will be next on Tyson's hit list after Bruno. Why Damiani? Why not? He's earned the No. 2 ranking by the WBA and he's the WBC "international champion."

Goodness. Maybe *The Ring* ratings do need revision. □

The RING RATINGS AS OF OCTOBER 3, 1988

HEAVYWEIGHTS (No Weight Limit) WORLD CHAMPION

MIKE TYSON	New Jersey
1. **Evander Holyfield**	Georgia
2. **Carl Williams**	New Jersey
3. **Tim Witherspoon**	Pennsylvania
4. **Adilson Rodrigues**	Brazil
5. **Tony Tucker**	Michigan
6. **Donovan Ruddock**	Canada
7. **Michael Dokes**	Ohio
8. **Pinklon Thomas**	Michigan
9. **James Douglas**	Ohio
10. **Orlin Norris**	California

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS (Not Over 175 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT	
1. **Charles Williams**	Ohio
2. **Virgil Hill**	North Dakota
3. **Dennis Andries**	England
4. **Don Lalonde**	Canada
5. **Tony Willis**	Illinois
6. **Bobby Czyz**	New Jersey
7. **Fulgencio Obelmejias**	Venezuela
8. **Chong-Pal Park**	Korea
9. **Lindell Holmes**	Michigan
10. **Graciano Rocchigiani**	Germany

MIDDLEWEIGHTS (Not Over 160 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

SUMBU KALAMBAY	Italy
1. **Michael Nunn**	California
2. **Iran Barkley**	New York
3. **Thomas Hearns**	Michigan
4. **Frank Tate**	Texas
5. **Herol Graham**	England
6. **Mike McCallum**	Jamaica
7. **Matthew Hilton**	Canada
8. ***Donald Curry***	Texas
9. ***Julian Jackson***	Virgin Islands
10. **Gianfranco Rosi**	Italy

WELTERWEIGHTS (Not Over 147 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

LLOYD HONEYGHAN	England
1. **Simon Brown**	Washington, D.C.
2. **Tomas Molinares**	Colombia
3. **Marlon Starling**	Connecticut
4. **Maurice Blocker**	Washington, D.C.
5. **Mark Breland**	New York
6. **Roger Mayweather**	Nevada
7. **Meldrick Taylor**	Pennsylvania
8. **Juan Martin Coggi**	Argentina
9. **Manning Galloway**	Ohio
10. **Harold Brazier**	Indiana

LIGHTWEIGHTS (Not Over 135 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT	
1. **Julio Cesar Chavez**	Mexico
2. **Greg Haugen**	Washington
3. **Pernell Whitaker**	Virginia
4. **Jose Luis Ramirez**	Mexico
5. **Edwin Rosario**	Puerto Rico
6. **Amancio Castro**	Colombia
7. **Azumah Nelson**	Ghana
8. **Tony Lopez**	California
9. **Anthony Jones**	Michigan
10. **Rocky Lockridge**	New Jersey

FEATHERWEIGHTS (Not Over 126 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA	Venezuela
1. **Jeff Fenech**	Australia
2. **Jorge Paez**	Mexico
3. **Calvin Grove**	Pennsylvania
4. **Marcos Villasana**	Mexico
5. **Juan Jose Estrada**	Mexico
6. **Jeff Franklin**	Nevada
7. **Hector Lopez**	Mexico
8. **Bernardo Pinango**	Venezuela
9. **Louie Espinoza**	Arizona
10. **George Navarro**	New Jersey

BANTAMWEIGHTS (Not Over 118 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT	
1. **Miguel Lora**	Colombia
2. **Kaosai Galaxy**	Thailand
3. **Gilberto Roman**	Mexico
4. **Orlando Canizales**	Texas
5. **Raul Perez**	Mexico
6. **Sung-Kil Moon**	Korea
7. **Santos Laciar**	Argentina
8. **Kelvin Seabrooks**	South Carolina
9. **Kaokor Galaxy**	Thailand
10. **Sugar Baby Rojas**	Colombia

FLYWEIGHTS (Not Over 112 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

YONG-KANG KIM	Korea
1. **Jung-Koo Chang**	Korea
2. **Sot Chitalada**	Thailand
3. **Fidel Bassa**	Colombia
4. **Myung-Woo Yuh**	Korea
5. **Hilario Zapata**	Panama
6. **Rolando Bohol**	*Philippines*
7. ***Dodie Penalosa***	*Philippines*
8. **Duke McKenzie**	England
9. **Miguel Mercedes**	Dominican Republic
10. **Humberto Gonzales**	Mexico

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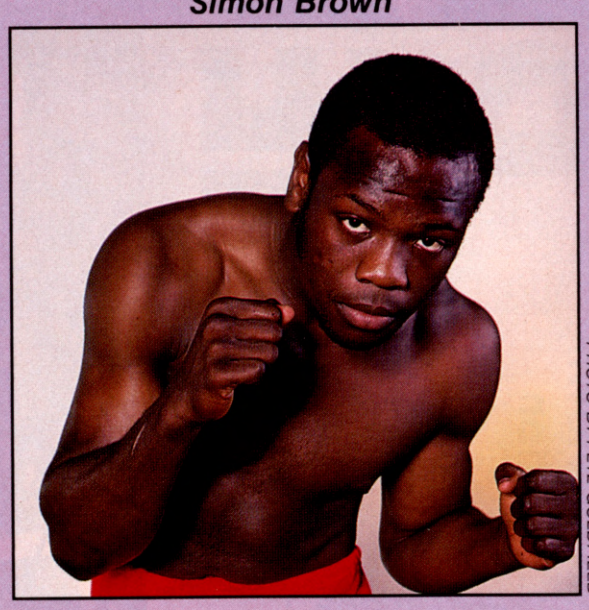

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1 SUNDAY
1989—Best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year from *The Ring*.

2 MONDAY
1985—Chong-Pal Park KO2 Roy Gumbs to retain IBF super middleweight title in Seoul.

3 TUESDAY
1985—Ji-Won Kim KO10 Seung-Il Suh to win IBF junior featherweight title in Seoul.

4 WEDNESDAY
1935—Floyd Patterson born in Waco, North Carolina.

5 THURSDAY
1953—Dwight Muhammad Qawi born in Baltimore.

6 FRIDAY
1952—First bouts televised in Canada, an amateur card at East York Arena in Toronto.

7 SATURDAY
1824—First grandstand erected for a prize fight for Tom Spring/Jack Langan match in Worcester, England.

8 SUNDAY
1875—Frank Erne born in Zurich.

9 MONDAY
1942—Joe Louis KOs Buddy Baer in 2:56 to retain world heavyweight championship in New York.

10 TUESDAY
1939—Henry Armstrong W10 Baby Arizmendi to retain world welterweight championship in Los Angeles.

11 WEDNESDAY
1953—Rigoberto Riasco born in Panama City.

12 THURSDAY
1894—Georges Carpentier born in France.

13 FRIDAY
1941—Anton Christoforidis W15 Melio Bettina to win NBA light heavyweight title in Cleveland.

14 SATURDAY
1974—Matthew Saad Muhammad makes pro debut with KO2 of Billy Early in Philadelphia.

15 SUNDAY
1925—Benny Leonard retires after close to eight years as world lightweight champion.

16 MONDAY
1982—Rolando Navarrete KO11 Chung-Il Choi to retain WBC super featherweight title in Manila.

17 TUESDAY
1986—Tim Witherspoon W15 Tony Tubbs to win WBA heavyweight title in Atlanta.

18 WEDNESDAY
1986—Samart Payakaroon KO5 Lupe Pintor to win WBC super bantamweight title in Bangkok.

19 THURSDAY
1985—Donald Curry TKO4 Colin Jones to retain WBA welterweight title in Birmingham, England.

20 FRIDAY
1936—Marcel Thil DQ4 Lou Brouillard to retain world middleweight championship in Paris.

21 SATURDAY
1975—Koichi Wajima W15 Oscar Albarado to win junior middleweight championship in Tokyo.

22 SUNDAY
1973—George Foreman TKO2 Joe Frazier to win world heavyweight championship in Kingston, Jamaica. *The Ring's* "Fight of the Year."

23 MONDAY
1969—Bob Foster TKOs Frank DePaula in 2:17 to retain light heavyweight championship in New York.

24 TUESDAY
1976—George Foreman KO4 Ron Lyle in Las Vegas. Final round *The Ring's* "Round of the Year."

25 WEDNESDAY
1939—Joe Louis KOs John Henry Lewis in 2:29 to retain world heavyweight championship in New York.

26 THURSDAY
1947—Miguel Angel Castellini born in Argentina.

27 FRIDAY
1985—Rocky Lockridge TKO6 Kamel Bou-Ali to retain WBA junior lightweight title in Italy.

28 SATURDAY
1974—Muhammad Ali W12 Joe Frazier to retain NABF heavyweight championship before 20,478 in Madison Square Garden.

29 SUNDAY
1924—Jack Sharkey makes pro debut with KO1 of Billy Muldoon in Boston.

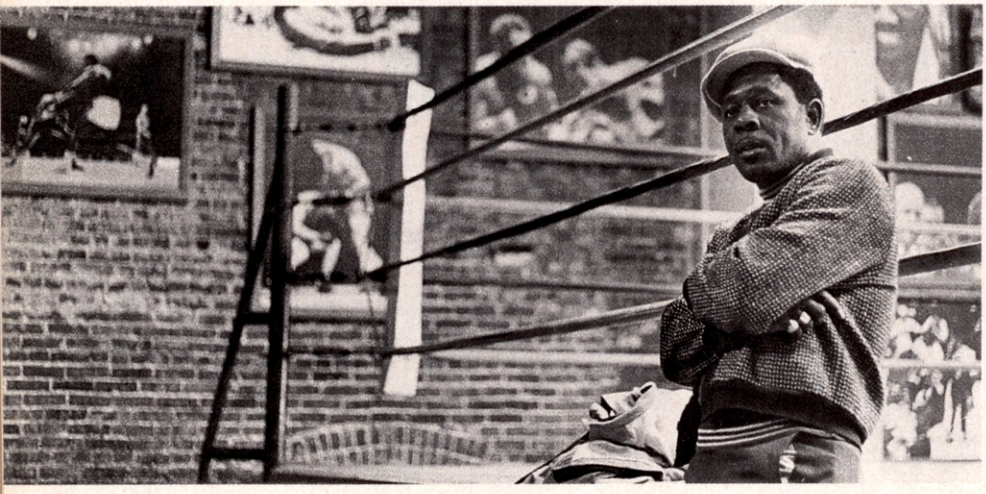
30 MONDAY
1909—George Chip makes pro debut with WF2 over Billy Manfredo.

31 TUESDAY
1970—Bruno Arcari W15 Pedro Adigue to win WBC super lightweight title in Rome.

MELDRICK TAYLOR: LATEST PHILLY PHENOM

By J.R. Jowett

New IBF Champ's Success Rooted in Hometown Tradition



Former middleweight George Benton relaxes at Joe Frazier's gym in Philadelphia. Now that his fighting days are over, Benton is passing on his knowledge to Meldric Taylor and other young boxers.

THE MERRY WEEKENDERS NESTled into their plush and vinyl booths at glittery Harrah's Marina, standing in haughty isolation beside Atlantic City's Absecon Bay. Something like patrician Romans, the "sellout" gathering of some 850 had come to witness a bit of a sacrifice. The young lion of a champion, hewn in 40 battles in and out of boxing's self-styled hub of New York, had been on a fearsome tear since avenging his lone defeat. The youthful challenger, out of provincial Philadelphia, had just half that many encounters, marred by a solitary draw. His reputation seemed to consist mostly of Olympic gold and good PR, his last impressive win nearly out of memory. A straw poll of ringside "experts" had him gone in a roll of the dice . . .

A perfect spring evening in late May played host to 5,100 eager fans, out for the closing of the boxing "season" in pre-air conditioning times. It'll take the Second Coming to provide a better finale. Openly orchestrated

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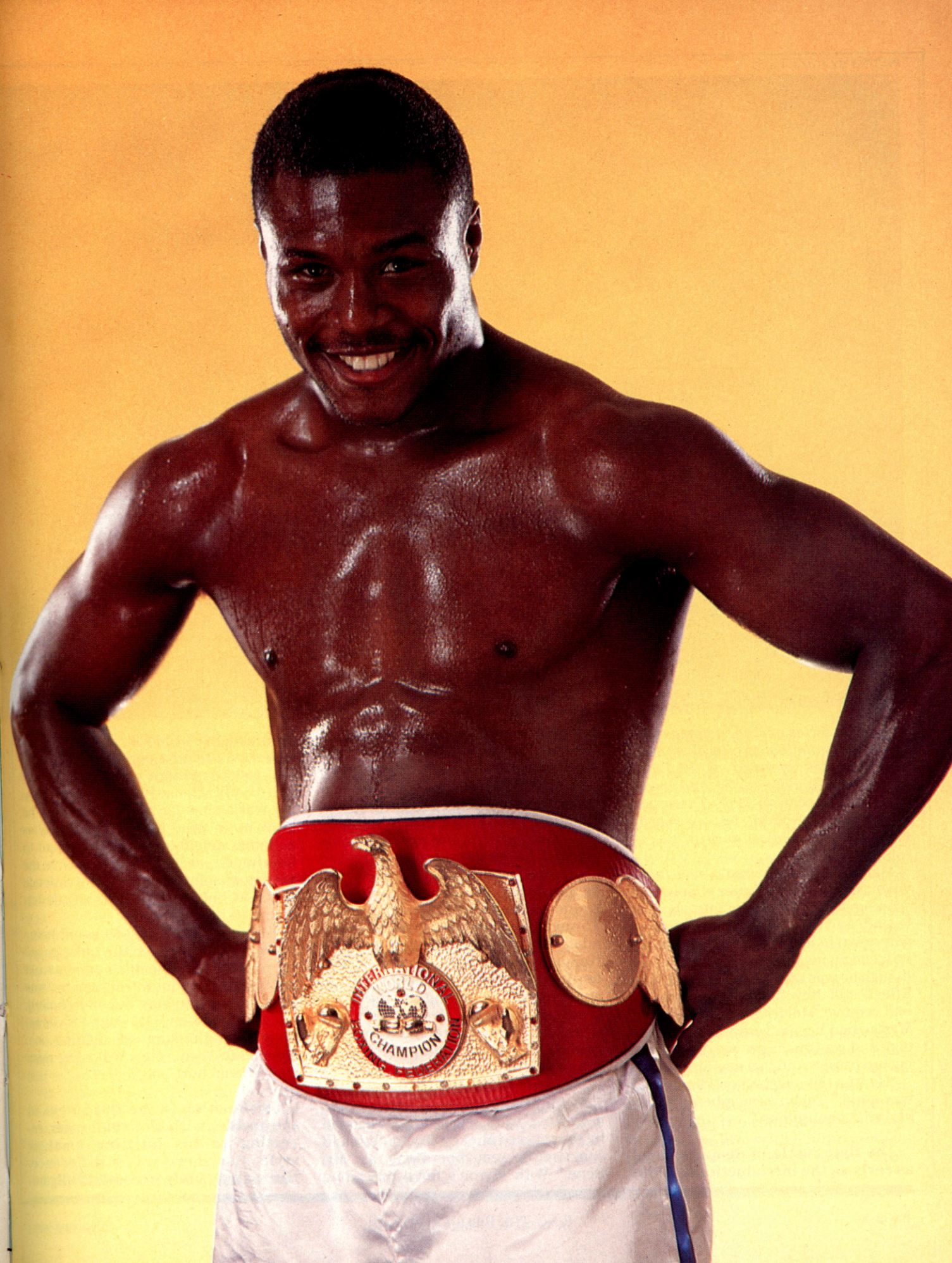

CHAMPION

PHOTOS BY TOM CASINO

through a series of club victories over the winter months, two local middleweights were meeting at Philadelphia's stately old, marble and woodgrained Convention Hall. There was no official sanction, but everybody knew it was a championship . . .

Meldrick Taylor wasn't even born when the above encounter slipped and "combinated" its way into boxing legend. And the tradition it represented was down to its last hurrah by the time he laced on his first pair of gloves, even though he was only nine. Yet the "Philly Effect" still drew him in, if only by second remove. Meldrick's older brother, Myron, had been a veritable child prodigy and was moving toward a promising pro career. And that was all it took.

"He was the only person I knew that was good," Taylor remembers. "I was idolizing my brother."

The first rustle of disquiet came as early as the introductions. While the challenger was dead-on target for the 140-pound title, the champion was a pound and three quarters shy. The raised eyebrows became bug-eyes soon after, when the champion exploded out, obviously intent on putting the upstart in his place. The challenger was strafed by a savage burst, but there would be no repeat of the champion's one-round defense just 34 days prior. Though the champion won the skirmish, it was the challenger who finished it off with a double left hook, and some unknown within the champion strangely blew retreat. Before the first round was over, the knowledgeable were becoming suspicious that there'd be a new champ . . .

Meldrick followed Myron to the Hennelly Boys' Club, where he was trained by the revered Mickey Grandinetti and someone he remembers only as "Mr. Benn." With Myron's fame preceding him, and twin Eldrick at his side, he was soon part of a popular brother act that rolled up more wins than "Dizzy" and "Daffy" Dean. From then on, boxing was a singular passion. Though he grew up in what he describes only as a "tough neighborhood," there had to be enough street fights to teach the predatory some respect. Gang violence was rife, but Meldrick was a little too young to be ensnared.

"I was mostly trying to avoid being in the middle between the older guys," he recalled. By the time he was old enough to get into trouble, he was tough enough to stay out. "I definitely had a reputation," he said. "If somebody was thinking of fighting me, somebody'd say, 'He's a boxing man. He's gonna' hurt you.'"

Brisk action in the third went to the inside, with the challenger reverting to his bustling amateur style. But there was a difference. His rocking body wove skillfully be-

Meldrick Taylor (black & yellow trunks) shocked many so-called experts by handing James "Buddy" McGirt a one-sided thrashing to capture the IBF junior welterweight title.

tween and around the champion's punches, his own shots all the while threading the needle with pinpoint accuracy . . .

Character-building gym wars took the place of vengefully destructive street fights. Philly is known for them like no other city, and Meldrick got his share upon settling into Joe Frazier's gym.

"Once you stepped inside the ring, it was like a real fight," he confirmed. "The other guy always had to prove he was better than you. It didn't make no difference your weight, your experience, or who you were."

Critics charge the notorious gym wars ruin fighters, but you won't get that from Taylor.

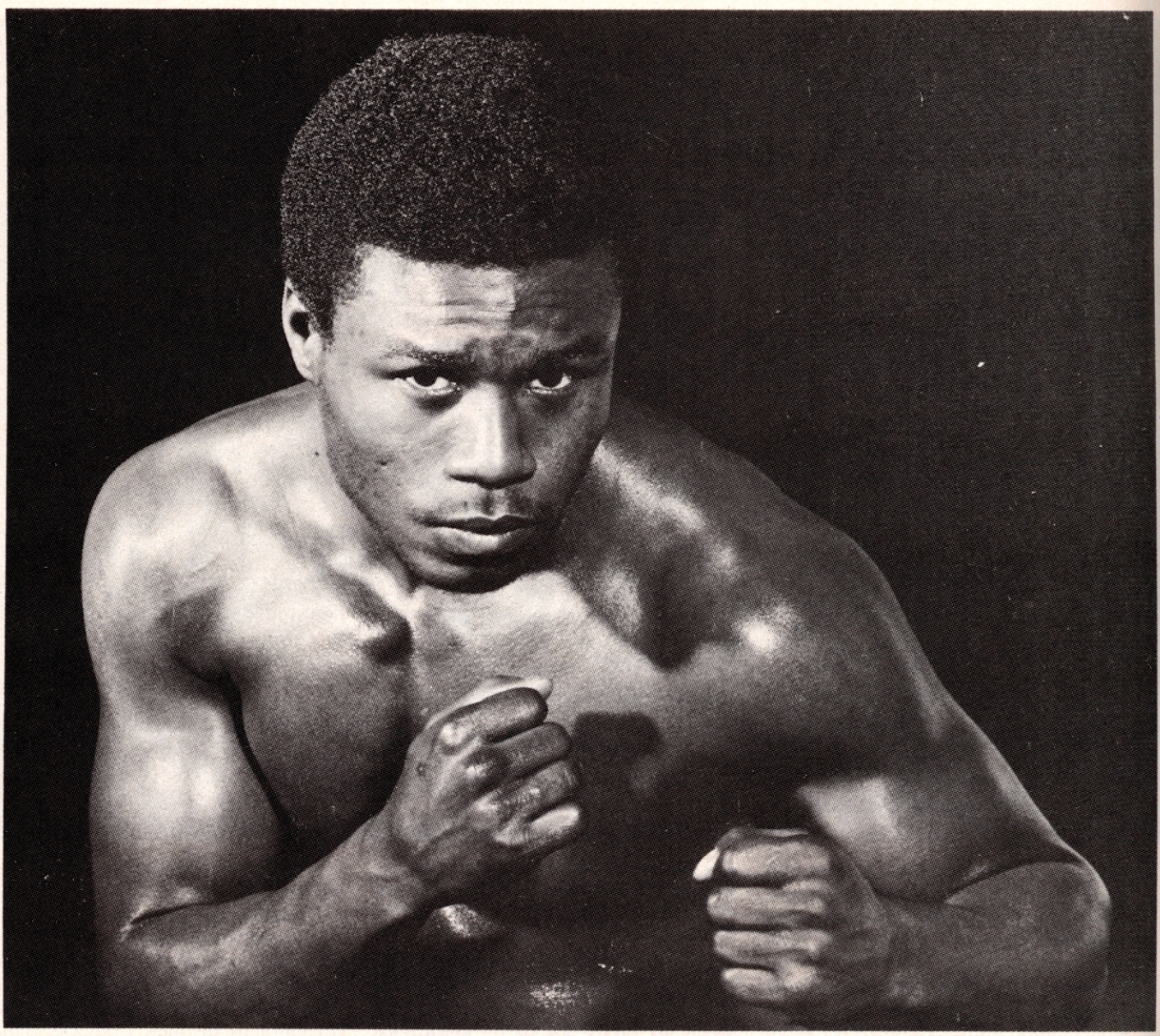
"If you could deal with anybody in Philly, then you were accomplishing something. You were a complete fighter," he declared.

By the fourth, the challenger had taken a startling command. The shifts between his "old," inside milling and "new," long-range boxing were so facile as to be seamless. When the champion finally broke through with a crackling left hook, the upstart replied with a body flurry and a combo to the head that smacked of "take that!" impudence. A round later, the relaxed challenger seemed to be positively enjoying himself, while the dispirited champion looked beaten . . .

The veteran middleweights, a silken boxer who could "disappear in front of you," and a wanton puncher who could make you disappear, had a century of bouts between them, and a score of losses. But those would vanish like sins after confession with a win on this night . . .

Still a kid when he hit the high road to the Olympics, Meldrick hadn't given much thought to a pro career. But others at Frazier's gym had. It took his principle amateur trainer, Willie Rush, to keep him on the path to gold. Like the yellow brick road, there were other travelers to be met. One was Shelly Finkel. By the time Meldrick garnered the '84 Gold Medal, he had been corraled as part of Finkel and partner Dan Duva's sparkling Olympic roundup. Two fights into his pro career, Rush's "contract" was bought out and Taylor was introduced to his new trainer, Georgie Benton.

With the stubborness of a Southern governor, the champion held fast. He mounted a gallant rally of his diminishing physical forces in the sixth. But with his punches lacking zip, the challenger was able to outscore him with a nonchalance that looked almost cavalier. After



Taylor, a gold medalist at the 1984 Olympics, is looking forward to big money matches with Hector Camacho and Julio Cesar Chavez.

a couple of playful rounds, he seemed to be fighting boredom.

In a triumph of art over life, but with nothing of imitation, the boxer spun out a fabric that sportswriter Jack Fried described as that of "a bona fide boxing genius" who "came through with 24-carat brilliance." The puncher's rockets exploded in mid-air like a dazzling display of fireworks. And with the same damage . . .

Benton began what was not a transition, but a melding of styles. He saw Taylor as a "busy kid with fast hands who threw punches," but was "very easily hit." He designed to give Meldrick a repertoire of skills to supplement his arsenal of physical gifts; to teach crafts like the jab, lateral movement, how to think. But never to detract from any of the abilities that had been good enough to take him to the pinnacle as an amateur.

"He was made for me," Benton enthused. "Easy to work with . . . so many things going for him . . . speed, reflexes, a good mind. You have to beat a style. I can come up with something for Meldrick, and he can follow it to a 'T'."

George and co-trainer Lou Duva did, indeed, "come up with something," which was "followed to a 'T'" in the stellar win over "Cubanito" Perez. Meldrick will box and move to tire out a fresh opponent who might otherwise mete out withering punishment in toe-to-toe exchanging. Then, he moves inside, where his vaunted hand speed can outscore the weakened foe to nail down the victory.

The challenger's defenses were finally breached by three right hands in the ninth. The champion's determination alone was keeping the fight alive, but only for those who believe in miracles . . .

In the ninth, the boxer's vast skills finally converged like an alignment of the stars. Crushing body blows froze the puncher long enough to be felled by a picture combination to the head. With little to gain but the act itself, he made it to his feet. If this could be viewed as an infraction, the boxer was noticeably lenient in his punishment. It was the matador sparing the bull, the emperor turning thumbs up. Everyone in the house knew it, and its effect swept the crowd with the force of a knockout . . .

But while he may be trained by a Philadelphian, Meldrick's management has been strictly cosmopolitan. His 21 outings have taken place in 13 venues, but none closer to home than Atlantic City. And that's probably as close as he'll ever get. The economics just don't seem to be there.

Says hometown promoter Russell Peltz, "There's no track record. Why is Meldrick Taylor all of a sudden gonna' draw 10,000 when we had to take two to three years to build Cyclone Hart and Bennie Briscoe? People have gotten out of the habit of spending money for fights."

That wouldn't be good news to Taylor.

"Fighting everywhere else and not ever at home can be a down feeling," he admitted. But claims Peltz, "When people think of Philadelphia fighters, they think of bigger punchers than Meldrick Taylor, so I don't think he's what they'd call a Philadelphia fighter."

That may be open to dispute.

A right stung the challenger behind the ear to open the 11th, but it was like sticking your tongue out at a bully. It only galvanized the final assault. Despite signs of tiring himself, the challenger assembled a punishing barrage. The champion finally hit the canvas for the first and only time early in the 12th. Though only a slip, the evidence of exhaustion signaled the challenger like a flare. He launched a relentless shelling that had the champion out on his feet, bleeding from nose and eye. Hardly known for tenderness, hard-bitten manager Al Certo uncharacteristically bulleted through the ropes and saved referee Randy Neumann the unpleasant responsibility of ending James "Buddy." McGirt's brief reign.

It wouldn't have made a difference in the outcome. Vinnie Rainone had it 108-101, John Stewart 107-103 and Richard F. Murry 106-103, all for the new champion. What had been apparent barely a minute into the fight became realization only after a memorable struggle, just 1:00 short of completion. Meldrick Taylor became the IBF junior welter champion.

The decision was a formality, Georgie Benton over Jesse Smith that night in 1962. "I wasn't robbed," Jesse said. "It wasn't a hometown decision. I lost." (A native Philadelphian, Smith divided his billing with Chicago.) As legendary scribe Jack McKinney described it, "Benton . . . minimized the choreography by assuming a perfectly balanced stance at the perimeter of Smith's range. A geometry professor would have marveled at the functional precision. With a mere shift of his weight off the vertical line, Georgie was either just far enough out to avoid being hit or far enough in to do his own effective hitting." The entire house was 20 grand, not enough to pay half a McGirt-Taylor windup.

Meldrick showed the kind of rough edges to the press that had been missing from his fluid performance. Noticeably piqued at their trumpeting of McGirt, he rubbed the upset in.

"I can't understand why so many people underestimated me," he lamented. "I had a lot to prove to everybody."

Though he had "proved" an accomplished stylist, Taylor was like the pitcher who wants to hit. His own emphasis was on the physical and emotional aspects of the contest.

"I took his heart, took his guts, took everything out of him in the first round," he declared. "That's when his heart dropped in his pants."

Lou Duva was more academic.

"We noticed in the tapes he moved his right hand around a lot, and we thought that the left hook could get him," he stated matter-of-factly.

The fallen McGirt was grandly magnanimous. "I ain't gonna' make no excuses. I just lost, that was the bottom line," he confessed. (Days later, he would recant to save trainer "Panama" Roca from scathing charges of overtraining, he claimed. Drugs taken for an ear infection had robbed him of his pep, he would say.) "It was one of those days when nothing goes right for you. I tried to get the respect early, but he was outhitting me a hundred to one."

His elaborations became colorfully candid.

"That wasn't no second wind, that was comin' from the guts. My second wind was gone in the second round . . . He wasn't there to be hit, so there wasn't no sense to shadow box for 12 rounds." Of the final demise, he offered, "Either my heart would bust, or my brain would bust. My manager thought my brain would bust, and that's why he jumped in."

There's little left of the Philly boxing of Benton's day. The zillion little gyms, which fed neighborhood rivalries that could telescope up to a "city" title that was bigger than a world title, are gone. The loss of that competition has taken with it the kind of skills needed for survival in decades past. Meldrick Taylor would starve looking for Jesse Smiths today, while the quality of those fights has grown in stature with the disappearance of the skills they exhibited. Ironically, Benton candidly admits that much of his smoothness developed out of concern over late-round stamina. He sees the introduction of scientific physical culture as substituting power, speed and endurance for skill, defense and savvy. But the potential is there to develop super fighters who combine both approaches, if only TV didn't chew them up before they had time to learn their trade.

"If you lose a fight, you're done," he put it. "Back then, you had guys who lost and won, lost and won, and sooner or later they caught on."

Meldrick figures he came up the "hard way," which would hardly seem the case from the perspective of an earlier era. But in a way, he has a point. Winning the gold medal created a demand for performance almost from the start and had him in with guys like Dwight Pratchett, Harold Brazier, Robin Blake, Primo Ramos and Howard Davis, against whom Meldrick seemed to deserve the edge, though all he got was a draw. But his stated goal is to "go down as one of the great fighters of all time," not just a big fish in a drought-shrunken pond. Some things change, some things stay the same, and some things, it seems, have the potential to get better. □

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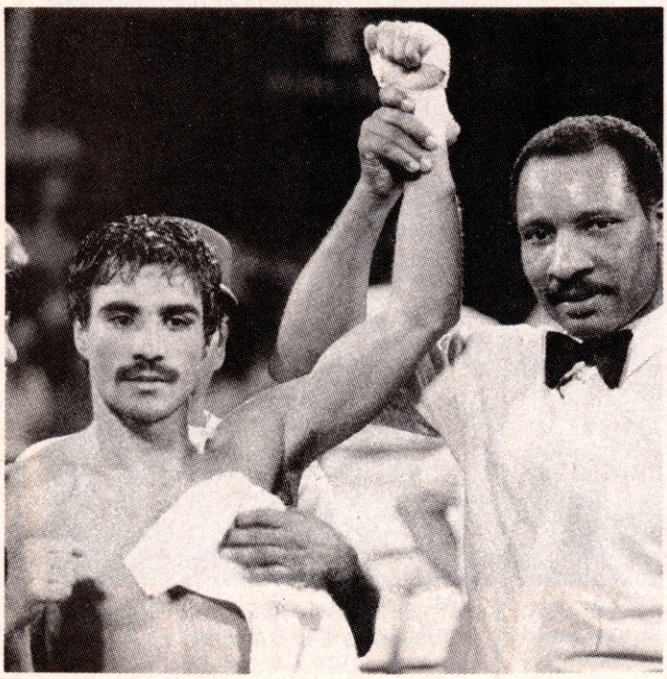
FIGHTER OF THE MONTH



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THE RING'S Fighter of the Month, Louie Espinoza, has his arm raised in victory following his thrilling knockout over Pedro Decima in Las Vegas.

Former WBA junior featherweight champ **Louie Espinoza** rallied from a shaky start to TKO Pedro Decima in an exciting slugfest at Caesars Palace. The come-from-behind victory rekindled Espinoza's sputtering career and earned him *The Ring*'s Fighter of the Month award.

WBC super featherweight boss **Roger Mayweather** continued his domination of Mexican boxers with a 12th-round kayo over Rodolfo "Gato" Gonzalez in defense of his belt. The impressive win earned Mayweather runner-up spot in this month's honors.

A pair of underdogs scored solid wins on the same card in Atlantic City to rate honorable mentions. Comebacking **Mike Tinley** outpointed streaking Jose Quinones and late sub **Mike Mungin** did likewise to highly regarded **Mickey Ward.** □

ESPINOZA – DECIMA

LAS VEGAS — LOUIE ESpinoza looked defeat straight in the eye in a recent stopover at Caesars Palace and wiped it away with contempt.

As a result, the 26-year-old Espinoza is in line for a shot at a second world title after rallying for an eight-round TKO over Argentina's Pedro Decima in the Sports Pavilion.

Top Rank promoter Bob Arum promised the winner of this scheduled 10 a crack at Juan Jose Estrada's WBA junior featherweight title no later than January. But Nachos Huizer, Estrada's manager, was in the crowd of 2,028 and, after watching Espinoza's handiwork on the 24-year-old Decima, Huizer may be harder to deal with when it comes to money.

As the rounds wore on, Espinoza, out of Phoenix, was facing an uphill struggle down the stretch. Through seven rounds, he trailed on two cards and was no better than even on the third. Thus, the win proved super sweet for Espinoza.

It also proved to be super bitter for Decima, the 122-pound Argentina champion, who had never been knocked off his feet as an amateur or pro. The 1984 Olympic champion from Tucuman had moved to No. 9 in *The Ring's* featherweight ratings and had built a strong local following by shocking Jesse Benavides in three rounds July 28 after erasing Alan Makitoki in two rounds May 27. The two victories had raised his credentials to 19-1 with 14 KOs.

Espinoza, a former WBA junior featherweight titleholder, had slipped from the featherweight top 10 after losing a decision to Jesus Poll. But Espinoza has always kept active and just six days before this bout had stopped Tony Montoya in six rounds in Phoenix.

Rocked in the second and third rounds, Espinoza remained willing to counter and began to alter the tempo of the fight in the sixth round, landing with combinations to the head despite picking up a cut on the left eye. By Round Seven, Espinoza was doubling with hooks and jabs as Decima, visibly tiring, began to back up for the first time. Midway through the round, Espinoza stirred the crowd with two lefts and a right.

Decima had been standing between rounds, but the Argentine, the right side of his face lumpy, accepted the stool after the shaky seventh.

The extra rest didn't help him, though, as Espinoza came out for the eighth and caught him with a long overhand right. Decima pitched over on his right side and was pressed to beat referee Richard Steele's count. Espinoza then put Decima back on the deck with a right hook. Pedro was up at eight and desperately trying to counter, but Espinoza hurt him with three left jabs. Decima tried to cover, but Espinoza drove home a right-left that leveled Decima for the third and final time, Steele calling it off at 2:14.

"Decima hurt me twice in the early rounds, I think it was the third or so," admitted Espinoza. "I knew I had to establish the jab. I had to relax and let the jab go. I started a little too conservative and that caused me to fall behind. But once I had him hurt in the eighth, I knew I wouldn't let Decima get away."

Miguel Diaz, Decima's trainer, made no excuses, acknowledging his fighter "got very tired and his legs were gone after the fifth round.

"There was no zip in his punches," Diaz added. "After he beat Benavides, Top Rank wanted to bring Pedro back August 14, but he wanted to see his family in Argentina. It wasn't my idea he leave town, but it was a mistake for him to go. Decima dazed Espinoza in the second and third rounds, but he let him get away."

The first visit to Las Vegas for imported welterweight Gary Jacobs and his British trainer Bobby Neill will always be memorable.

Jacobs, of Glasgow, Scotland, was best man at Neill's marriage to Maria Zola of Rome at the Wee Kirk of The Heather Chapel on the Strip. The next night the United Kingdom duo went back to work and the 27-year-old Jacobs wound up with the vacant WBC international welterweight title. Jacobs, who also holds the British Commonwealth title, appeared en route to a unanimous 12-round decision over Tucson's Javier Suazo when he suddenly wound up a knockout victor at 2:58 of the 10th round.

Suazo, 146, in retreat most of the night as he elected to play the ropes ineffectively, had come out of an exchange with Jacobs at mid-ring when he fired a left hook. Jacobs took the shot on the jaw unfazed, but Suazo dropped suddenly and thrashed about in obvious pain while clutching his wrist. Referee Toby Gibson went through the formality of counting out Suazo, not knowing the 21-year-old Suazo had apparently fractured his wrist landing the hook. Manager Stan Tischler said Suzao had complained of pain in his left arm and side "as early as the second round," but repeatedly refused his corner's suggestions to retire from the fight.

Jacobs raised his record to 21-1 with 10 KOs, while Suazo dipped to 20-5-1 with nine KOs.

Although he had fought other lefties, Suazo was at a loss in solving the crowding Jacobs, who was at his best fighting inside and working to the body. Suazo rarely punched in combination until the verdict was out of reach. The speed and aggressiveness Suazo had displayed in decisioning Nigeria's Young Dick Tiger was missing from the opening bell.

Jacobs more than lived up to his pre-fight prediction that "Suazo wouldn't be any problem. I saw the Tiger fight tape, so I decided to throw jabs and come in under. I know my body shots hurt him and he was slowing down. I was capable of going 20 rounds if I had to, not 12. But Suazo was a tough and capable opponent. I guess you could say this is a wedding present for Bobby and his bride."

Neill, who fought Davey Moore for the world featherweight championship in London in 1959 and a former trainer of Lloyd Honeyghan, feels Jacobs has improving skills "with the possibility to be as good, if not better, than Honeyghan."

The WBC's international championship is a synthetic creation for fighters not rated in the top 10.

Johnny "Tap Tap" Tapia, 113, Albuquerque, scored his fourth pro win, knocking out Miguel Martinez, 110, Los Angeles, at 2:02 of the first of a scheduled six. Martinez is 1-2.

Gabriel Ruelas, 123, North Hollywood, California, made his pro debut with a 24-second knockout of Raul Martinez, 125, Los Angeles, in a scheduled four.

Don Coats, 245, East Palo Alto, California, erased Inoke Katoas, 227, Salt Lake City, at 46 seconds of the fifth of a sixer.

Promoter: Top Rank.

Judges: Dalby Shirley, Cindi Barton Hunter & Art Lurie.

TV: ESPN.

(9-16-88)

JACK WELSH

ROMAN – HATANAKA
WBC Super Flyweight Title

NAGOYA, JAPAN — CRAFTY Mexican Gilberto Roman gave a lesson to less-experienced Japanese prospect Kiyoshi Hatanaka, outclassing him to retain his WBC super flyweight title by unanimous decision in a 12-round extravaganza at Nagoya City Rainbow Hall.

Strangely, the official weigh-in was held at 11:30 the night before the fight. Roman scaled 114¼, a half-pound lighter than Hatanaka. Roman's party was aware of the challenger's superior physique and reported difficulty in making weight and insisted on weighing in on fight day. A compromise set the weigh-in 12 hours before the card's opening fight. At 21, Hatanaka was five years younger than Roman and, at 5-7, had four inches in reach on the titleholder.

Some 8,000 spectators witnessed a fiasco in the first and third rounds. In the opening session, the unbeaten challenger was trying to attack, stalking the Mexican. But at 2:08, Roman landed a left hook and a straight right that dropped Hatanaka. He promptly stood up, but had a bewildered look as Roman is regarded as a soft-punching technician. At 2:36, Roman dug a left hook obviously below the belt. The Japanese fell in agony and referee James Jen Kin of California declared a five-minute rest and deducted a point from Roman.

During the pause, the referee called this reporter to the ring apron to translate his words to Hatanaka. He told the challenger, "If you cannot resume fighting after five minutes, you will be disqualified despite the champion's low blow." Hatanaka finished the round.

After Roman took the second by a small margin, the same thing happened in the third. Roman landed a left uppercut, this time to the belt. Hatanaka collapsed again, complaining of a low blow, but this time it was not clear that the punch was low. Still, the crowd cried, "Disqualify the champ."

The referee retained his cool, however, and once again asked this reporter to enter the ring to deliver his instructions to Hatanaka.

He told Hatanaka, "It wasn't a low blow. You are given a three-minute rest, but if you go down again by a legal blow you will be counted next time."

Jen Kin also went to Roman's corner during the recess after Round Three and told him, "Champ, if you commit a low blow again, you will lose your title by disqualification," but he didn't penalize Roman the second time. Roman never hit low again, nor did Hatanaka fall from body punches again.

In the fourth, Hatanaka, 15-0 with 10 knockouts, came forward but couldn't catch the fancy Dan as Roman countered sharply. The next three sessions were dominated by the Mexican ringmaster as he kept moving, sticking and counterpunching the nervous challenger. Occasionally, Hatanaka managed to pin Roman on the ropes, but the defensive skill of Roman enabled him to avoid most of the punches.

Roman did appear a bit tired at times, but regained his rhythm in the last two rounds and won handily, Rudy Ortega of California scoring 119-108, Chuck Hassett of California calling it 117-111 and Spyder Bynum of Texas voting 115-111. *The Ring* saw it 118-107.

The crestfallen loser cried as he said, "Roman was too clever for me. He kept me from showing my best punches."

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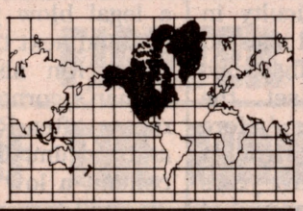

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

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▶**INGELWOOD**—The Forum—California champ **John Montes**, 140, Anaheim, unanimously outpointed Tim Burgess, 136½, Brooklyn, in a first-round Forum Jr. Welterweight Tournament bout. Although the scoring (98-92, 98-92, 99-91) was technically correct, Burgess (12-5-2) made Montes (38-4) work very hard for his victory. Burgess is quick and comes to fight, but his lack of power (one KO in 19 starts) puts him at a distinct disadvantage. Larry Rozadilla, referee.

Santos Cardona, 139, Toa Baja, unanimously outscored Manuel DeLeon, 139, Boston, in the opener of the tournament. Cardona (15-0) established superiority early, but DeLeon never allowed him to dominate. The scoring (99-92, 98-92, 98-92) confirmed the Puerto Rican's control. Fritz Werner, referee.

The education continued for Lalo Velasquez, 137, Baldwin Park, who unanimously outpointed game Kenny Wyatt, 137½, Los Angeles, over eight action-packed rounds. Velasquez (17-4) wobbled Wyatt (9-5-1) often, but Kenny refused to go down. Scoring: Dick Young 79-72; Pat Connolly 77-75; Werner 78-74. Lou Moret, referee.

Nate Houser, 174½, Long Beach, won an unpopular six-round unanimous decision over Terry Verners, 174, Fresno. Verners (4-4-1) scored a third-round knockdown, but Houser (7-1) recovered to win the fight in the closing rounds. Scoring: Weaver 58-57; Young and Moret 57-56. Dr. James Jen-Kin, referee.

Romeal Anderson, 149½, Bakersfield, unanimously outpointed Vince Wilkerson, 150, Los Angeles, four. Anderson (3-0) lost the first, but finished fast, hurting Wilkerson (1-2) in the third. Scoring: Rozadilla 40-36; Werner and Moret 39-37. Connolly, referee.

Debuting Sergio Lopez, 149, Glendale, blasted out Roque Meza, 148, Pasadena, with a right hand in 2:05 of the first of a scheduled four. Referee Connolly counted out Meza (0-1).

Promoter: Jerry Buss.
Matchmaker: Antonio Curtis.
Physicians: Robert Karns & Michael Deluca.
Timekeeper: Aaron Koslow.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.

(8-16-88)

▶**SAN DIEGO**—El Cortez Hotel—An evenly matched card was topped by a unanimous 10-round win for Marvin Mack, 170, Philadelphia, over former Mexican light-weight heavyweight champion "Idi Amin" Hernandez, 171, Los Angeles. Mack (17-7-1) won nearly every round, but never came close to flooring Hernandez (22-9). Scoring: Hal Rickards 99-92; Robert Byrd 98-92; Lou Filippo 100-90. Kenny Davis, referee.

Tony Byrd, 162¼, Los Angeles, won a 10-round split decision over Tim Williams, 168, San Diego, in a very hard to score bout between California champions. Super middleweight king Byrd (9-1-1) was busier, but middleweight titleholder Williams (15-7-1) threw more effective punches. Scoring: Rickards 96-94 Williams; Byrd 99-91 for his namesake; Davis 97-93 Byrd. Filippo, referee.

Ticket seller Todd McPhee, 190, San Diego, stopped ill-conditioned Jay Morgan, 182, Fresno, in :47 of the third of a scheduled four. Morgan (0-4) had been down in the second and when Morgan's mouthpiece was dislodged for the third time, referee Byrd halted the fight in favor of McPhee (5-0-1).

Carlos Marquez, 134, San Diego, won a four-round majority decision over Hugo Orozco, 130, San Diego, but Orozco (5-2-1) deserved no less than a draw. It was the United States debut for Marquez, who was unbeaten in seven fights (one draw) south of the border under the name of Carlos Nicolas. Scoring: Davis 38-38; Werner, Rickards 39-37. Byrd, referee.

Johnny Almaguer, 138, Campo, knocked out Phillip Brown, 138, San Diego, with body shots in 1:48 of the third of a scheduled four. Brown (1-3) was down twice in the first but came back to hurt Almaguer (1-0) in the second. Byrd, referee.

Promoter: Bob DePhilippis.
Matchmaker: Gillermo Mayen.
Physicians: William Lundeen & Michael Deluca.
Timekeeper: Mike Millsap.
Announcer: Fred Lewis.

(8-18-88)

▶**IRVINE**—Marriott Hotel—Tommy Perez, 154, Santa Ana, won the vacant California jr. middleweight title with a 12-round unanimous decision over brave Kenny Lopez, 153½, San Jose. Perez (19-3) punched with impressive variety and volume, while Lopez (16-9) was the heavier hitter. Both were hurt several times. The crowd showed its appreciation of an exciting fight by showering the ring with money. Scoring: Owen Adair 119-109; Bert Gilliam 118-110; Raul Caiz 116-114. John Thomas, referee.

Armando Baeza, 133, Norwalk, improved on a previous draw by unanimously outpointing Louis Hernandez, 130, Redlands, eight. Baeza (10-3-1) was a skinny featherweight when he fought Hernandez (10-8-5) in his United States debut two years earlier. Scoring: Adair 78-74; Caiz 78-75; Thomas 79-74. Gilliam, referee.

Experienced Abel Cordova, 160, El Monte, hit too hard for Richard Demarco, 159¾, Huntington Beach, who was rescued by referee Caiz after just 1:50 of the first of a scheduled six. Cordova (25-18-2) floored Demarco (5-3) with a combination, and the local fighter was too dazed to continue.

Benny Lopez, 134½, Upland, was also a quick winner. Lopez (6-4) overpowered Raul Valdez, 135, San Diego, in 2:38 of the second of a scheduled six. Referee Gilliam stepped in after two knockdowns.

A first-round knockdown carried Steven Barreras, 145½, Albuquerque, to a four-round unanimous win over Eddie Hernandez, 148, Indio. Both were making their pro debut. Scoring: Gilliam 38-37; Adair 39-37; Thomas 39-38. Caiz, referee.

Promoter: Don Fraser.
Matchmaker: John Cabrera.
Physicians: Michael Deluca & Mario Ficarola.
Timkeeper: Ernie Snow.
Announcer: Roy Englebrecht.

(8-22-88)

▶**REDONDO BEACH**—Aviation Center—Top prospect Ysaias Zamudio, 111, Blythe, unanimously outpointed distance fighter Ramon Solis, 113, Piedras Negras, 10. Zamudio (12-1) used his superior speed to win every round but the second, but could only hurt Solis (13-6) late in the seventh. Scoring: Lou Filippo 100-90; Rudy Jordan 98-93; Vince Delgado 99-92. Pat Connolly, referee.

It looked like a short night for Roberto Rosiles, 158, Blythe, when he floored Leland Hart, 153½, Sacramento, with a right hand in the opening seconds. But despite the handicap of a twisted ankle injured in his fall, Hart (12-15-2) toughed it out for the full 10-round distance before going down unanimously on points. Rosiles (18-3-1) opened a cut over Hart's left eye in the eighth and kept on the pressure after. Scoring: Jordan 99-92; Filippo 97-92; Eddie Rodriguez 97-93. Delgado, referee.

Lionel Washington, 242½, Bakersfield, coming off a controversial TKO win over Tyrone Armstrong, 221½, Los Angeles, convinced the skeptics with a shattering second-round (2:04) knockout of Armstrong (3-2) in a scheduled six-round rematch. Washington (8-3) floored Armstrong with a hard right and the loser took several unneccessary punches before referee Jordan stepped in.

Felix Adan, 148, Los Angeles, flattened Daryl Colquitt, 146½, Los Angeles, with a picture-perfect left hook in :14 of the second of a scheduled six. Comebacking puncher Adan (11-2-2) had Colquitt (6-8-3) in trouble in the first. Filippo, referee.

Promoter: John Ellis.
Matchmaker: Obdulio Munox.
Physicians: Bernhart Schwartz & Vaughn Nixon.
Timekeeper: John Liechty.
Announcer: Mark Overbaugh.

(8-26-88)

▶**INGLEWOOD**—The Forum—**Joe Rivera**, 139½, Bayamon, Puerto Rico, moved up in weight to win a 10-round unanimous decision over veteran Martin Quiroz, 140, San Jose. Two-time title challenger Rivera (14-2-3) used superior ring generalship to keep Quiroz (31-17-6) off balance. Rivera won clearly by scores of 98-92 (Vince Delgado), 98-92 (Bert Gilliam), and 96-95 (John Thomas), although the verdict met with mixed reception. Fritz Werner, referee.

Refugio Rojas, 127, Long Beach, staged an incredible rally to stop Nelson Rodriguez, 127, Bayamon, in 1:37 of the seventh of a scheduled 10. Rojas (42-13-1) was floored four times in the first two rounds, but won every round from the third. Rodriguez (10-3-4) lost a point after the third second-round knockdown for hitting Rojas while he was down. Scoring through six: Thomas 56-55 Rojas; Werner 56-55 Rodriguez, Dick Young 55-55. Chuck Hassett, referee.

Jorge Rivera, 144, Bell, and Ernest Curtis, 144, Los Angeles, drew, eight. Rivera (12-3-1) kept on the pressure and seemed to do enough to win. Young (77-75) was surprisingly taken in by the busy switch-hitting style of Curtis (13-4-1). Werner (78-74) favored Rivera, while the decider was Hassett's 76-76 card. Thomas, referee.

Unbeaten (7-0) Randy Leaks, 184, Campo, won without too much difficulty over awkward Rodney Stockton, 194, Los Angeles, six. Stockton (3-6) fought defensively after getting tagged early and lost a point for a low blow in the third. Scoring: Young 58-55; Delgado 58-55; Werner 58-56. Bert Gilliam, referee.

John Almaguer, 136½, Campo, made short work of David Nicks, 138, Alhambra, in the four-round show closer. Almaguer (2-0) finished Nicks (3-6) with a right hand in 2:57 of the first. Delgado, referee.

Javier Macias, 124, North Hollywood, unanimously outpointed Victor Flores, 123½, Lennox, six. Macias (6-4) dictated all the way. Flores falls to 3-4-1. Scoring: Thomas 59-55; Young 60-54; Gilliam 59-55. Delgado, referee.

John Roby, 134, Long Beach, unanimously outpointed winless Jesus Caro, 135, Los Angeles, four, in a fight close only because Roby (2-0) lost a point for hitting and holding in the third. Scoring: Hassett 38-37; Thomas and Young 39-36. Gilliam, referee.

Promoter: Jerry Buss.
Matchmaker: Antonio Curtis.
Physicians: Bernhart Schwartz & Vaughn Nixon.
Timekeepers: John Liechty & Aaron Koslow.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.

(8-29-88)

▶**RESEDA**—The Country Club—Sam Ray Taylor,

145½, San Diego, TKO'd Pedro Aguirre, 141, Los Angeles, in :49 of the second of a scheduled 10. After taking one round to figure out Aguirre (12-3), Taylor (9-4-2) came out aggressively in the second when he floored Aguirre with a left uppercut. More importantly, the punch tore open the Mexican's right eye, and referee Kenny Davis stopped it without bothering to count.

Tough and durable Gustavo Lopez, 133, Los Angeles, brawled his way to a unanimous but unpopular decision over Kelvin Lampkins, 128, Los Angeles, 10. Lampkins (16-19-2) gave Lopez (10-16-5) a boxing lesson early, but straight-ahead Lopez took control of the inside from the fourth. Scoring: Hal Rickards 97-93; Dick Young 96-94; Danny Millsap 96-94. Bert Gilliam, referee.

Daniel Garcia, 125, East Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed Jorge Rodriguez, 126, Los Angeles, over eight interesting rounds. Both Garcia (19-7-1) and Rodriguez (7-10-1) were penalized for holding and hitting. Garcia's extra strength made the difference. Scoring: Millsap 76-74; Rickards and Young agreed at 77-73. Davis, referee.

Lupe Rocha, 138½, Los Angeles, penciled in with Lampkins in the main, was dropped to a six and matched with comebacking Art Lizarraga, 141½, Bakersfield. It proved to be the correct move as Lizarraga (4-6-1) dropped Rocha (2-5-1) in the second and won unanimously. Scoring: Young 59-55; Rickards 57-56; Gilliam 58-55. Millsap, referee.

Ruben Maclis, 132, Sanger, unanimously outscored Margarito Gonzalez, 135, Bell, four. Maclis (2-5-1) was penalized a point but otherwise dominated. Gonzalez, who claimed a 9-1 record, was down in the second from a left hook. Scoring: Young and Rickards 38-36; Davis 39-36. Millsap, referee.

Promoter: Daniel Goossen.
Matchmakers: Ordulio Munoz & Larry Goossen.
Physicians: Robert Karns & Vaughn Nixon.
Timekeeper: Mike Millsap.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.

(8-30-88)

▶**HOLLYWOOD**—The Paladium—Hot and cold Robert Lewis, 138, Los Angeles, stunningly knocked out previously unbeaten Rogelio Montenegro, 134½, Mexico City, at 1:47 of the fifth of a wildly exciting scheduled 10. Montenegro (16-1) floored Lewis (10-14-3) in the opening round. The Mexican prospect went down in the second and again in the third. Montenegro lost a point for a low blow while winning the fourth. But a right flattened Montenegro in the fifth and although he shakily regained his feet, he was in no condition to continue. Robert Byrd, referee.

Nate Houser, 174¾, Santa Ana, unanimously outpointed Robert Underwood, 175, Los Angeles, six. Houser (8-1) dominated and floored Underwood (5-6) in the fifth. Scoring: Tony Guitron 59-54; Eddie Rodriguez 60-53; Byrd 60-53. Rudy Jordan, referee.

John Roby, 135½, Long Beach, scored his second four-round win in three days when he was judged a majority victor over Margarito Gonzalez, 141¼, Bell. Scoring: Byrd 38-38; Rodriguez 39-37; Jordan 39-38. Guitron, referee.

Another majority but undisputed winner was Efrem Sargent, 157, Pomona, who outscored Lisiate Lavulo, 152, Long Beach, four. Lavulo (0-3) won only the first. Southpaw Sargent (1-1-1) was a late substitute. Scoring: Guitron 38-38; Jordan 39-37; Byrd 40-36. Rodriguez, referee.

Also saving the card was Ruben Maclis, 128, Sanger, but the late notice and David Gonzalez, 128, Pasadena, were too much for him to overcome, although he gamely lasted the four-round distance. Gonzales improved to 2-1. Scoring: Guitron 39-37; Rodriguez 39-38; Jordan 39-38. Byrd, referee.

Promoter: Keith Jones.
Matchmaker: Harry Kabakoff.
Physicians: Bernhart Schwartz & Robert Karns.
Timekeeper: Ernie Snow.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.

(9-1-88)

▶**SAN BERNARDINO**—Arena—Willie Wilson, 160, Campo, and Jerry Okoro, 169, Riverside, drew in a punishing and exciting eight rewarded by a shower of money. Wilson (13-3-2) started fast, flooring late substitute Okoro in the second. A busted up Okoro (17-5-1) certainly looked like a loser, but kept hustling and got the benefit of a hotly disputed verdict. Scoring: Pat Russell 77-75 Okoro; Frank Rustich 77-75 Wilson; Danny Millsap 76-76. Lou Moret, referee.

Carlos Marquez, 133, San Diego, won a six-round split decision over Duane Watson, 135, Quail Valley, in another absorbing contest. Watson (6-2-1) fought well, but Marquez (8-1-1) won without question despite losing a point for a low blow in the second. Scoring: Tony Guitron 58-55 Watson; Rustich 57-56 Marquez; Moret 58-55 Marquez. Millsap, referee.

Gilbert Martinez, 158, Sacramento, outmuscled Tosand Jewell, 157, Los Angeles, in 1:41 of the third of a scheduled six. Jewell (7-3) could barely stand on spaghetti legs when referee Guitron stepped in. Martinez (8-2) was ahead on points.

Debuting Anthony Cornieo, 134, Quail Valley, had to survive a very rocky third before winning a unanimous (39-37, 39-37, 39-38) four-round decision over Jose Sanchez, 134½, Tucson. Sanchez is winless in two pro starts. Guitron, referee.

Guy Sielzkowski, 239, Tucson, returned from a four-and-a-half-year layoff to knock out Roger Troupe, 210, Campo, in 1:25 of the third of a scheduled six. Sielzkowski (4-3) also floored Troupe (3-19-3) in the second. Rustich, referee.

Promoter: Bob Richardson.
Matchmaker: Jerry Niss.
Physicians: Bernhart Schwartz & Michael Deluca.
Timekeeper: Mike Millsap.
Announcer: Dick Halloway.

(9-7-88)

▶**LA JOLLA**—Marriott—**Young Dick Tiger**, 151, Hollywood, battled Angel Hernandez, 156¼, Los Angeles, for five hard rounds before taking control and eventually winning inside the 10-round distance in 1:03 of the ninth. Hernandez (13-5) was typically game but was taking a lot of punishment from Tiger (25-5) when referee Hassett made a well-timed intervention.

Ray Taylor, 146, Chula Vistra, surprised Jorge Rivera, 146, Los Angeles, in 2:59 of the third of a scheduled 10. Rivera (12-4) had things his own way until he twice walked into, and went down from, left hooks. Taylor (10-4-2) has suddenly become an explosive puncher. Lou Filippo, referee.

Gilbert Baptist, 155¼, San Diego, decided to get down to business and kayoed outclassed Homero Gonzalez, 146½, Laredo, in 2:24 of the third of a scheduled eight. Baptist (9-8) flattened his foe with a left hook, right cross combination. Referee Fritz Werner counted to six before realizing the Texas import needed attention.

Rene Hedman, 144, Los Angeles, stopped Robert Smith, 144, San Diego, in 1:46 of the third of a hastily arranged six-round show opener. Smith (3-10-2) was not fighting back when referee Frank Rustich stepped in giving Hedman his seventh win in 10 starts (one draw).

Promoter: Rick Mason.
Matchmaker: Obdulio Munoz.
Physicians: William Lundeen & Michael Deluca.
Timekeeper: Mike Millsap.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.

(9-9-88)

▶**INGLEWOOD**—The Forum—Underdog **Paul Banke**, 121½, Quail Valley, halted Carlos Romero, 122, New York, in :43 of the 11th of a scheduled 12 to win The Forum Super Bantamweight Tournament. The victory capped a remarkable tournament for Banke (15-3), who won with heart, tenacity and tireless aggression. Romero (21-5-1) stunned Banke several times, expecially in the eighth when the popular local southpaw had to hang on for survival. But the tremendous eighth was too much for the Venezuelan who raised his gloves in surrender and half turned away before embracing the winner. Through 10 rounds Banke led by four, four, and six points. Larry Rozadilla, referee.

NABF lightweight champion **Freddie Pendleton**, 139½, advanced to the quarterfinals of the Forum Jr. Welterweight Tournament by knocking out African Champ Akwei Addo, 139½, Accra, in 2:30 of the sixth of a scheduled 10. A very confident Pendleton (23-15-3) floored the Ghanan with a solid right and a following unanswered series of blows convinced referee Dr. James Jen-Kin.

Prospect **Andre Smith,** 131 Los Angeles, returned after a year's absence to KO former world titleholder **Bobby Berna,** 131½, Las Vegas, in 2:52 of the second of a scheduled eight. Berna (30-6-1) was dropped by a right and failed to beat the count of referee Raul Caiz. Smith (11-1) was floored by a nearly identical punch moments earlier.

Ernest Curtis, 141½, Los Angeles, stopped a helpless Kenny Comer, 142, Santa Ana, in just 2:23 of the second of a scheduled eight. Curtis (14-4-1) closed the right eye of Comer (8-3) very early in the first. Unable to see the punches coming, Kenny was dropped once in the first and twice in the second, all from right hands. Vince Delgado, referee.

Unbeaten (2-0) Sergio Lopez, 147, Glendale, knocked out winless (0-5) Howard Scott, 149, Inglewood, with a right to the chin in 2:48 of the second of a scheduled four. Gwen Adair, referee.

Jamie Delatorre, 123, Phoenix, and Les Fabri, 123½, Las Vegas, drew six. Delatorre (5-1-1) chased Fabri (7-0-1) and many thought he'd done enough to win. Danny Millsap, referee.

Promoter: Jerry Buss.
Matchmaker: Antonio Curtis.
Physicians: Bernhart Schwartz & Robert Karns.
Timekeepers: Aaron Koslow & John Liechty.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.

(9-13-88)

DEAN LOHUIS

CONNECTICUT

▶**WALLINGFORD**—Marriott Hotel—Canadian heavyweight **Tony Morrison** stood horrified upon learning he had lost a 10-round split decision to **Phil Brown** of Wallingford.

Many in the small crowd felt the same, roaring their protests long and loud after having seen the Nova Scotian bombing his target with terrific head and body shots.

Brown set a defensive pace in thwarting the same aggressive start Morrison had used to knock out **Leon Spinks** in 33 seconds in the same ring in May. Brown picked off some of his foe's punches as the duel continued at a slow pace, but from the sixth on, the Canadian again went after his rival, charging past Brown's flicking left jabs to pound his breadbasket and score with winging rights to the head. Meanwhile, Brown kept his right cocked, but seldom put it to use.

Judge Matt Mullaney had Morrison the winner, but ref Duke Lawson and judge Bob Muravnick voted for Brown. Each weighed 214.

Light heavy Tyrone Booze of Hartford needed but two rounds to convince Dawud Shaw of Philadelphia there was no need to come out for a third in the scheduled eight. Stunned by a right to the jaw in the second, Shaw had taken a standing eight.

Middleweight Tony Daley of New Britain outpointed Mike Caminiti of Albany in a four-rounder that turned out to be the best fight on the undercard.

Sean Malone of Wallingford outscored Jack Riley of Albany in a lightweight four.

Lightweight Craig Cadiz of Hartford stopped Oscar Gomez of Bridgeport in the first.

Promoter: Connecticut Sports Promotions.
Referees & Judges: Sam Maltempo, Walter Longo, Matt Mullaney, Duke Lawson & Bob Muravnick.
Timekeeper: Charles Johnston.
Physician: Joseph Antonio.
Announcer: Lou Dell.
Attendance: 217. Gross: $7,920.

(9-2-88)

JOSEPH CASSANO

FLORIDA

▶**DAYTONA BEACH**—Finky's Bar—Local favorite Daryl Fromm delighted a partisan crowd with a technical knockout of a hapless Alex White in the main event of a six-bout card. Fromm, 169, dominated the abbreviated affair, ending matters at 2:23 of the third, scheduled for eight. Fromm improved to 13-4. White, 165, fell to 2-4.

In the most hotly contested fight of the night, Frank Bray registered his seventh victory without a loss with a split decision win over Kevin Carter in six. Judge Frank Skilbred carded 58-56 in favor of Carter, but Hardin McCain scored 58-56 and Tony Palermo saw it at 59-55, both for Bray. Bray weighed 192; Carter (7-3), 196.

Billy Wooten and James Cobb faced off against each other for the second time in their young careers. And for the second time, the fight ended with Cobb being counted out; this time at 1:55 of the first. Cobb, who at 154½, outweighed Wooten by more than 13 pounds, dropped to 1-4. Wooten is a better fighter than his 4-7 would indicate.

Twenty-two-year-old Lorenzo Bouie, 158½, made a successful pro debut, garnering a second-round knockout of Mike Sapp. Bouie flattened Sapp, 154, at 1:01 of the second with a right uppercut. The momentum of throwing the punch carried Bouie to the canvas also, but he got up, while Sapp lay stretched for several minutes. Sapp is 5-3-1. Scheduled for four.

Also a winner in a pro debut was Cecil Sams, although Sams took an eight-count en route to winning a unanimous, albeit razor-close decision over Charles Dixon in four. Dixon, 199½, knocked down Sams, 193½, in the first round of a very good action fight. But all three judges carded Sams the winner by identical 38-37 tallies. Dixon's slate is now a reported 13-10.

The walk-out fight saw Zak Maestralis lose for the first time in four bouts, to Albert Jones via a unanimous decision. All three judges scored the four-rounder 40-35 in favor of Jones. Jones, 127, improved to 3-4; Maestralis, 132¾, is 3-1.

Promoter: Vallie Fromm.

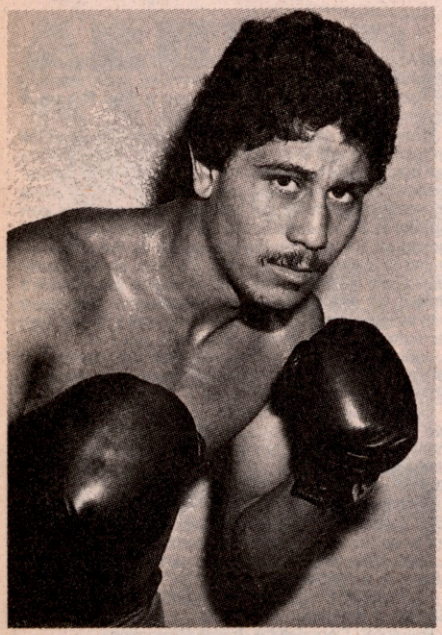
Referees: Victor Perez & Frank Santore.

Judges: Frank Skilbred, Hardin McCain, Tony Palermo & Dan Raicevich.

Timekeeper: Dick Howroyd.

Physicians: Aspi & Khorsandian.

(7-6-88)



Wilfredo Gomez, 30, launched a comeback with a sixth-round TKO over Mario Gonzales in Miami Beach.

▶**MIAMI BEACH**—Convention Center—**Wilfredo Gomez** ended a three-year absence from the ring with a sixth-round technical knockout of Mario "Polvorito" Gonzales. Gomez, a former three-time world titleholder, dropped the Mexican once in the fifth round, once in the sixth, and was en route to flooring him again when referee Eddie Eckert stepped in at the 1:58 mark. The 30-year-old Gomez, 138, improved to 43-3-1 (41); Gonzales, 133, slipped to 44-6 (34). The bout was scheduled for 10.

In a 10-rounder that went the distance, Miami's Mauricio Rodriguez pounded out a convincing unanimous decision win over Felipe Julio. Rodriguez, 142, is now 33-2. Julio, 144½, fell to 23-7-1.

Robert Daniels, 191½, upped his record to 14-1 with a knockout of Gerald Brown, 184. The fight was scheduled for eight, but ended at 1:30 of the second frame. Brown, of Atlanta, dropped to 12-3.

Local fighter Juan Arroyo scored a unanimous decision win over Gerry Smith in an action six-round battle. Arroyo, 143, improved to 22-2-1. Smith, 141, fell to 8-5. The rounds were closely contested, but all three judges carded Arroyo a 60-54 winner.

A duel between two Miami boxers resulted in an upset as Floyd Wells, 152½, handed Johnny Lockett, 151, his first defeat in 12 fights. The six-round unanimous decision win upped Wells' record to 5-2-1. Judge Al Wilensky scored the fight 57-56, while Irv Abramson and Rick Bays saw Wells as a winner by identical scores of 57-54.

Twenty-one-year-old Pedro Riveron, 164, sent Sylvan Plowright, 164½, to his third pummelling in as many fights with a TKO at 2:34 of the second round; scheduled for six. Riveron is now 6-2.

A scheduled four-round walkout ended quickly as Frederico Monjaraz knocked out Augustas Destouche at 2:37 of the first. The 20-year-old Monjaraz moved to 2-1. Destouche, 28, was making his professional debut. Destouche weighed in at the welterweight limit of 147 pounds; Monjaraz weighed 145½.

Promoter: Arena Promotions.

Referees: Eddie Eckert, Bill Connors & Armando Garcia.

Judges: Al Wilensky, Irv Abramson, Rick Bays & John Rupert.

Timekeeper: Bill Ouimette.

Physicians: L. Guerro, W. Berke & C. Denis.

(7-30-88)

▶**FORT MYERS**—Lee County Civic Center—Watching 39-year-old **George Foreman** pick apart Ladislao Mijangos over two rounds of a scheduled 10-round main event was like watching an elephant effortlessly swat at, and smash, a gnat.

"It looked like a mismatch out there." said Big George moments after dispatching the 28-year-old Mijangos with a display of methodical, energy-efficient boxing. The perception of a mismatch was shared by some observers of the fight, most of whom had never heard of the former heavyweight champ of Mexico who in 1987 registered a unanimous decision win over a spent Leon Spinks.

"We had a bout-by-bout on him (showing a record of 24-4 (20) going in), and everyone we talked to, including the Mexican boxing commission, told us he'd be a good opponent for Foreman," said Don Hazelton, executive director of the state athletic commission.

It may have looked like a decent fight on paper, but once in the ring Foreman gave the Mexican a boxing lesson while barely breaking a sweat. Mijangos was listed at 6-1½, 206, but he was dwarfed by the 6-3, 255-pound destroyer from Humble, Texas.

Foreman stung Mijangos with the first punch he threw — a jarring jab that is still one of the best in the division. He continued to score with solitary jabs and stalked his prey. After landing a couple of left-right combinations, Foreman sent Mijangos to the canvas with a right to the kidney. Mijangos got to his feet just before the bell sounded to end Round One. He complained about the knockdown blow, but taped replays showed that he turned his body to one side just as Foreman unleashed his punch.

Round Two was more of the same as Mijangos backpedaled while Foreman intently pressed the action. Foreman threw punches sparingly, but effectively. Mijangos was totally ineffectual, throwing few punches; what did land had no effect whatever. Referee Brian Garry stopped it at 2:42 of the round after a left jab followed by a hard right hand knocked Mijangos into the ring ropes.

The win was Foreman's 11th, all knockouts, since returning to action after a 10-year-retirement. His record stands 56-2 (53). After his TKO win over Mijangos, Foreman made a televised offer to world heavyweight champion **Mike Tyson**. George said he would pay Tyson $5 million or $500,000 a year for the rest of his life in exchange for a shot at Tyson's title.

"Life doesn't begin until 40," Foreman said. "Like a good wine, I get better with age."

Should Tyson accept the offer, George would likely find his wine cellar drained in a single swallow.

Also featured on the card televised by the USA Network was **Lindell Holmes,** ranked No. 9 in the world by *The Ring* in the light heavyweight division. Holmes, 171, demolished a shot Rick Stackhouse at 1:47 of the first. Stackhouse looked as though he really wanted to be anywhere but in the ring. Holmes upped his record to 38-5-1; Stackhouse, 167, was down twice in the fight and his record dipped to 19-7-1 with one no contest.

The best bout of the night was a showdown between local favorite Johnny "Malibu" Gutierrez and Angel Medina, of Dallas. Gutierrez, 153¾, had won eight consecutive fights going into this one and he was clearly an attention-getter, sporting a punk Mohawk 'do and wearing pink trunks and shoes with black tassles. and he showed there was substance to go along with the style. He shook Medina, 152½, in the initial frame, winning that round. But Medina come on in the next two rounds, opening a cut under Gutierrez' left eye in the second. Gutierrez swung the momentum to his advantage in the middle rounds as both traded heavy leather. The action remained torrid into the final round. Gutierrez won that round and was carded a unanimous decision winner. Judges Tom Brown and Frank Skilbred scored it 97-94, while Derrell Brown saw it at 98-94. Gutierrez, 24, improved to 14-2-1. Medina slipped to 7-3.

In a battle of heavyweights, Jack Johnson, 206, of Miami, recorded an eight-round unanimous decision win over Art Terry, 231, of Ft. Myers. The outcome was never in doubt as Johnson took command in the first round with good right hands. The bout was more notable for its bizarre aspects than for the quality of the action. The first two rounds were each a minute short, and the sixth was about 10 seconds light. The combination of an ill-fitting mouthpiece, Terry's failure to bite down firmly on it, and Johnson's punches resulted in Terry losing the mouth guard in rounds two through six. Also, the ring canvas was too big for the 18½-foot ring, causing it to become loose and wrinkled. Terry lost his footing at least once due to the condition of the canvas. Terry also took a thumb in the right eye in the first round. Johnson showed a good jab, a hard right hand and an ability to punch in combination. He floored Terry in the fourth and hurt him in the seventh. Both were tired at the end, but Terry appeared exhausted. Johnson is 18-7; Terry, 13-6.

Crandell King, 168, improved to 18-1-2 with a technical knockout of John Burney, 165½, at 1:48 of the fifth. Burney dropped to 10-4.

Tim Lee, 122, of Ft. Myers, dropped Tony Arreola twice in the fourth round to earn a technical victory. The end came at the 2:15 mark. Lee is 4-1. Arreola, 121, slipped to 4-2.

Guy Sonnenberg, 195, maintained his unbeaten record with a second-round technical knockout of Rinaldo Torres, 184. Torres, now 2-3-1, could not answer the bell for the third round. Sonnenberg is 8-0-2.

Edward Pollard moved to 14-3 with a TKO over Rafael Fortes at 2:41 of the second round. Pollard weighed 127; Fortes, who fell to 4-4, tipped the scales at 129.

Promoter: Challenger Promotions.

Referees: Brian Garry & Mike Boggs.

Judges: Frank Skilbred, Derrell Brown, Tom Brown & Wilson Robinson.

Timekeeper: Dick Howroyd.

Physicians: Rick Means & Mark Means.

Attendance: 2,000 (est.).

(8-25-88)

▶**WINTER HAVEN**—The Orange Dome—Featherweight Amos "Sweet Pea" Cowart secured a televised showdown with former world champion **Stevie Cruz** by taking out Joe Webber in the third round of their scheduled 10-round main event.

The 21-year-old Cowart looked impressive in building his record to 16-2 (8), displaying good hand speed, sharp punching and a newly found aggressiveness. Cowart, 126½, went on the offensive at the start of the first round, landing a number of clean shots to the body and head of his 32-year-old opponent. The Winter Haven fighter stayed busy in the second frame, keeping constant pressure on Webber and scoring well with both hands. A good body shot, left hook to the head combination dropped Webber for an eight-count in the third and Cowart was all over his man when the referee allowed action to resume. Webber tried to dance out of trouble, but Cowart set him up with a left hand and sent him to the deck with a perfectly placed right to the jaw. Webber beat the count, but referee Brian Garry stopped it at the 1:46 mark. Garry later said Webber indicated he did not want to continue. In Webber's defense, he was not fighting under optimal conditions. He arrived in Winter Haven the afternoon of the fight after a 24-hour drive from New Orleans. As good as Cowart looked, the outcome would likely have been the same, but the bout may have lasted longer. Webber, 132½, is now 15-6-2.

Manager Jack Leonard said he sent Cowart out to be aggressive at the outset. "When you're in against an older, experienced fighter, you can't outsmart him, and your best tactic is to put pressure and speed on him," he said. "I thought, really, that Amos looked the best he's ever looked. He's stronger and he's maturing."

Leonard thinks those factors, along with Cowart's hand speed, will stand him in good stead against the more experienced Cruz. Cowart also hopes to benefit from the time he spent training with Jeff Franklin, who defeated Cruz in 1987. The Cowart-Cruz matchup is expected to be carried on ESPN from Winter Haven.

The co-main event featured an eagerly anticipated rematch. In March, Delfino "Chicano" Marin of Winter Haven and Jimmy Mitchell of Mississippi engaged in an all-out war that ended in a unanimous decision win for Marin. Like many sequels, this one didn't match the original, but the fans went home pleased with the outcome. Marin, 148¼, started the bout true to form, crouching and moving right at his taller opponent. Mitchell, 143½, initially showed good hand speed and head movement. After a fairly tame first round, things heated up in the second and third as Marin concentrated his attack on Mitchell's body, landing thudding hooks. Mitchell stayed on his bicycle, stopping to throw a flurry of punches before moving on. In the fourth, Marin backed Mitchell into the ropes and kept him there, unloading numerous punches to the head and body. That marked the beginning of the end for Mitchell. Mitchell seemed to be tiring quickly and was content to lay against the ropes and absorb Marin's best shots. Marin did not waste the opportunity, landing punishing hooks that caused Mitchell to bend at the waist and keep his arms at his side. By the seventh round, Mitchell had been reduced to a human heavy bag, at one point absorbing about two dozen unanswered blows. Finally

he'd had enough and failed to answer the bell for the eighth round. Dr. Fred Sager said Mitchell was exhausted and his balance had been affected by the numerous punches Marin landed to his jaw. The 32-year-old veteran simply ran out of gas. Marin remained unbeaten at 11-0 (9); Mitchell is 40-14.

Manager Leonard likened the 21-year-old Marin to another Latino slugger — Roberto Duran. "At this point," Leonard said, 'Delfino's still a club fighter, but he's a well-liked club fighter because he gives you what you come to see."

Unbeaten Vince "The Hammer" Hogan had to settle for a draw in his match against Tyrone Hensley of Louisiana, and he was fortunate to get that. Hogan, of Winter Haven, entered the contest with a 4-0 slate, all first-round knockouts. But Hensley proved to be a tough, clever boxer who succeeded in frustrating the local fighter. After an even first round in which each man tagged the other with scoring shots. Hogan, 165½, appeared to be looking for that one punch that could put Hensley away. He did not jab, and took more and harder punches than he threw. Hensley, 167, outboxed Hogan, but was penalized by referee Garry with a point deduction for holding in the third and fifth rounds. So while Hensley won the battles by preventing Hogan from punching away at him, he lost the war as the point deductions cost him a decision win. Judges Dan Raicevich and Tony Palermo carded the fight a draw at 56-56, while Frank Skilbred scored it 57-56 for Hensley. *The Ring* agreed with Skilbred. Hensley is 7-1-1; Hogan, 4-0-1.

Middleweight Tony Bonds of Lake Wales impressed in a successful debut, taking a unanimous decision win over Charles Rice of Texas. Bonds, 157¾, was an Olympic hopeful until he fractured a knuckle and tore ligaments in his right hand during the Eastern Olympic Boxing Trials in June. That injury prevented the 25-year-old Bonds from competing in an Olympic box-off in July. Bonds said he was nervous making his debut against an experienced fighter in front of an essentially home-town crowd, but he didn't show it in the ring. His demeanor was all business and he never took his eyes off his opponent. He dropped Rice, 150, with a five-punch combination early in the first round and the fans were howling for a knockout. But Rice was very tough, surviving a working over to finally put together some offense in the second round. Bonds landed overhand rights and punishing combinations to the body, but Rice was not deterred. Bonds threw some wild punches, apparently wanting to please the fans, but for the most part fought a disciplined fight. He closed out the fourth and final round with a pummelling of his foe. Rice is 7-6-1. Bonds said he felt some pain in the right hand when he landed the first punch, but had no more problems the rest of the night.

The walkout saw Rod Jones, 169, up his record to 4-1 with a technical knockout of Adam Perrodin, 160, at 2:12 of the first. Perrodin dropped to 1-2.

Promoter: Team Time Promotions.

Referees: Mike Boggs & Brian Garry.

Judges: Frank Skilbred, Dan Raicevich & Tony Palermo.

Timekeeper: Billy Herold.

Physicians: Fred Sager & Ken Hendricks.

Attendance: 1,500 (est.).

(8-26-88)

KEN KNOX

ILLINOIS

▶**CHICAGO**—DiVinci Manor—There comes a time in every journeyman's career when the journey comes to an end.

For one-time welterweight title challenger **Pablo Baez**, 150, Santa Domingo, D.R., the curtain came down quickly as former WBA welterweight titleholder **Mark Breland**, 150, Brooklyn, nailed Baez with an uppercut, a few body shots and the Dominican native folded up at 1:43 of the first round.

Baez, who fought Thomas Hearns for the WBA welterweight title in 1981 was returning to the ring after an extended layoff and offered little resistance.

Say what you like about Breland, he obviously wants to fight and feels he has something to prove. He's made enough cash to grab the checkbook and run, yet he continues to work towards regaining his 147-pound title.

In another quick ending, Chicago's Al Hamza, "UFO," made his first appearance in eight months and demolished Rudy Fuentes, 146, Milwaukee, at 0:42 of the opening round. It looked like a UFO that drove Fuentes to the canvas and once down the badly faded Fuentes showed little inclination to get up. National Enquirer researchers are still looking for the punch. "UFO," who

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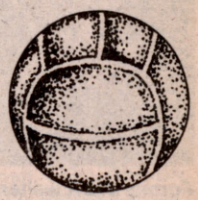

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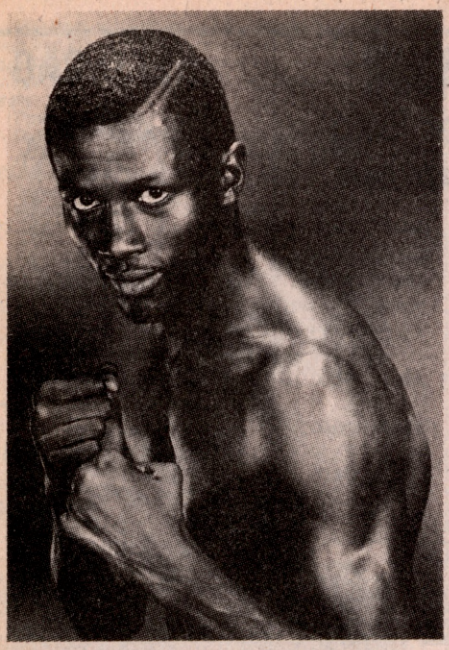

Former WBA welterweight titleholder Mark Breland continued his quest for another title with a first-round kayo over Pablo Baez in Chicago.

recently changed handlers, still has the skills to contend with top welterweights, but at 32 he needs to stay busy and win a big fight for a change.

Crowd-pleaser Jake "The Italian Bull" Carollo, 145, Franklin Park, returned to the ring after a five-month layoff and was formally inducted into Chicagoland's boxing fraternity by notching a six-round unanimous decision over the always difficult Walter Cowans, 143, Milwaukee. In raising his record to 8-1, Carollo showed a little rust, but his superior strength and aggressiveness won him the bout. Cowans connected with a few shots late in the bout when Carollo seemed to tire, but it wasn't enough to sway the judges.

Curtis Strong, 131, Chicago continued his winning ways with a third-round stoppage of game Arvel Campbell, 130½, Milwaukee. An overhand right from Strong (7-1-1) ended matters at 1:52 of the third in a scheduled six.

In the most competitive bout on the card, William McDonald, 160½, Chicago, pulled out a four-round split decision over Keith Banks, 157½, Indianapolis. A brawl from the opening bell, both fighters exchanged heavy shots and McDonald sustained his obligatory cut in the first round. McDonald (6-1) was down briefly in the third stanza, but battled back to finish strong. Judge Jim Lebel carded for Banks, 20-17, while Jerry Jakubco (19-17) and Tim Adams (19-18) saw the fight for McDonald.

Debuting Ben Baez, 131, Chicago, looked lucky to emerge with a four-round, majority decision over Joe Kirkland, 133, Chicago. Whether tentative or just nervous, the speedy Baez seemed to have trouble adjusting to the rougher pro game and Kirkland gave a good effort.

Promoter: Cedric Kushner.
Matchmaker: Jack Cowen.
Referees: Stanley Berg, Brian O'Shea & Tim Adams.
Announcer: Bill Baker.
Timekeeper: Al Tremari.
TV: USA.
Attendance: 403.
(8-11-88)

▶MELROSE PARK—Civic Center—When Jake "The Italian Bull" Carollo and Kevin "The Irish Brawler" Mulvey squared off for the Illinois state welterweight title, it was a match that figured to go a few rounds.

The pair had fought two years ago, with Carollo capturing a four-round, majority decision. Between the two, they had only four KOs in 19 fights. Mulvey had never been stopped and Carollo's only loss was at the hands of formerly world-ranked Puerto Rican Danny Garcia.

Surprise, surprise, surprise!

In his usual fashion, Carollo, 144, Franklin Park, took it right to Mulvey, 147, Chicago, landing some decent body shots early. Following a slip by Mulvey, Carollo landed a monstrous right hand that sent Mulvey flying into the ropes. Carollo followed with another series of hard punches that sent Mulvey crashing to the deck.

Mulvey struggled to beat the count, but just sagged back into the ropes. His manager was up on the ring apron signalling for an end to the action. The finish came at 1:39 of the opening round and raised Carollo's record to 9-1.

Along with obtaining the state championship belt, Carollo answered some questions about his right hand firepower. The win, Carollo's most impressive as a pro, marks "The Italian Bull" as a popular fighter with a bright future. Mulvey drops to 6-3-2.

Lightweight **"Lethal" Louie Lomeli**, 138, Melrose Park, made his hometown debut by TKOing overmatched Shawn Spinda, 140, Worthington, KY, at 1:18 of Round Three. An unorthodox southpaw, Spinda proved elusive over the first couple rounds, even hitting Lomeli on occasion. But when Lomeli targeted the body in the third round, things got rough for Spinda.

The end came as Lomeli had Spinda pinned to the ropes and was landing some major stick downstairs. A couple right hands underneath immobilized Spinda and a series of lefts brought referee Stanley Berg into the fray. Just as it appeared Spinda was dropping to one knee to garner an eight cound, Berg halted the action.

While Berg's stoppage may have seemed a little premature, Spinda offered only a mild protest and the result seemed inevitable. Lomeli ups his mark to 23-0 with his 19th KO. The Illinois 135-pound champ is on a course which should net him a world title try in the next sixth months.

Bobby Hitz, 217, Chicago, returned to action after a five-month layoff and looked a bit sluggish before finally halting game veteran James Wilder, 187, Milwaukee, at 1:33 of the fifth round in a scheduled six. Nursing a cold, Hitz fought as though he had George Foreman on the brain. He controlled the action with his strength and size, but lacked the fire that has characterized his earlier efforts. Hitz raised his record to 14-2 (10 KOs).

Veteran Sammy Matos, 155½, Chicago, seems to be turning his career around as he went to 14-12-1 with a five-round TKO of tough Torrance Martin, 154, Chicago. Martin blitzed Matos to start the bout and it took Sammy a few rounds to recover, but when he did it was the patented body attack that wore Martin down and set him up for a devastating left hook that ended the action at 59 seconds of Round Five.

In an excellent matchup of pro debutants, Danny Nieves, 185, Chicago, and David Hopkins, 184, Gary, IN, went to war, with the rugged Nieves copping a four-round decision. This was a blood and guts rumble with both fighters exhibiting strength and skills.

Ben Baez looked much better in his second pro outing as he outpointed Gerald Shelton, 130, Gary, over four rounds. Baez, 131, Chicago, was more relaxed and exhibited good boxing skills while realizing that getting hit is going to be part of the pro game.

Didn't get to see much of Kronkster Taurrek Fikes, 140½, Detroit, as he dispatched of Robert Givens, 140, San Diego, CA, in 53 seconds.

Promoter: Battle Promotions.
Matchmaker: Jack Cowen.
Referees: Stanley Berg, Pete Podgorski & Al Preslinger.
Announcer: Ben Bentley.
Timekeeper: Kenny Kinch.
Attendance: 903.
(8-25-88)

JEFF CARLSON

INDIANA

▶SOUTH BEND—Century Center—A SRO crowd showed up to cheer on hometown hero **Harold Brazier**, who put his NABF super lightweight championship on the line against tough John Rafuse, 138, Malden, Mass.

Brazier, 139, started the bout using a stinging left jab to great advantage and did not deviate from that success throughout the scheduled 12 rounds.

A straight right put Rafuse down in the fifth for the only knockdown of the contest. Brazier had his opponent hurt badly with body shots in rounds four, eight and 10. A superb defense and a masterful array of punches gave the Hoosier a lopsided victory over his game adversary.

Judges Cindy Bartin, Frank Garza and Gary Merritt all scored 119-108 for Brazier. The fine gentleman from South Bend raises his record to 58-8-1 with 42 stoppages.

In an action-packed eight-round war, Norman "Psycho" Bates, 132½, Elkhart, Indiana, won a unanimous decision over Eric "Ali" Whitfield, 131, Louisville, Kentucky. Bates did great body work to win this fast-paced fracus. Top Rank gave each a $250 bonus on this ESPN televised fight. Garza and Merritt scored the fight 78-74 and the other judge, John Wilson, had it 79-73. Bates has a record of 12-1-1 and Whitfield suffered his first defeat and goes to 7-1.

Highly regarded Victorio "The Fox" Belcher, 140, Elkhart, TKO'd outgunned Albert Dumas, 137½, Ottawa, Canada, at 2:04 of Round Three. Belcher is ranked second by the NABF in the lightweight division and his record goes to 26-1-1 with 13 KO's.

In the only other bout of the evening, Ray Fenix, 181, Warsaw, IN, and Bret Maverick, 177, Elkhart, fought to a majority draw over four rounds.

Promoters: Fred Berns & Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmakers: Pete Susens & Teddy Brenner.
Announcers: Mike Buffer & John Thompson.
Referees: Sean Curtain, George DeFabis & Pete Podgorski.
Timekeepers: Ellie De Fabis & Bill West.
Attendance: 2,100 (est.).
(9-2-88)

GARY L. MERRITT

IOWA

▶CARTER LAKE—Carter Lake Auditorium—Omaha fighters moved next door for an exciting card, with Dan Murphy, the Cornhusker state's leading fighter, in the main event.

Murphy, of Omaha, came in at 206, his heaviest ever, but handled scrappy Tim Tomashek, 192, Green Bay, Wisconsin, via unanimous decision over eight rounds.

Tomashek was a last-minute sub and insisted on two-minute rounds. Due to the lateness of the hour, the promoters agreed. It developed into an interesting fight, however, with Murphy's patented left jab prevailing as he improved to 14-2.

In the heavyweight semifinal, scheduled for six, Omaha's Dickie Ryan flattened John Stanley of Madison, Wisconsin, in one.

Ken Schaefer, Omaha's crack light heavyweight, ran his record to 4-0 with a second-round KO over Jim Withneski in their scheduled six.

Wayne Grant, Omaha, drew with Isaac Quarles in a middleweight five-rounder.

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John Detterman, Omaha, belted out John King, Indianapolis, in the third of a middleweight bout.

Lincoln, Nebraska heavyweight Mike Acklie scored a second-round TKO over Omaha's Paul Gardner.

Rugged Nicky Miller, Omaha, outpointed Mike Bell of Spearfish, South Dakota, in a five-round middleweight contest.

Middleweights Jesse Abrams, Omaha, and Darrell Miller, Macy, Nebraska, drew over four.

Promoter: F&F Berns.
Timekeeper: Ken Parker.
Judges: Bill Murphy & Dick McGinnis.
Referee: Doug Emory.
Attendance: 900.
(9-7-88)

BOB RUIZ

LOUISIANA

▶**SLIDEL**—Civic Center-Veteran lightweight Capri Lipkin of Houston handed local favorite Bobby Giepert his first setback in 14 pro bouts with a sixth-round stoppage of a main event scheduled for 10. Lipkin, who has faced off against former junior featherweight titleholder Louis Espinoza, former featherweight titleholder Calvin Grove and long-time contender Jerome Coffee, had Giepert down twice in the fourth and once more in the fifth.

Lightweight Ronnie Surrett of Mobile, Ala., is now 8-3-1 after his first-round stoppage of Slidel's Joe Bayone, scheduled six.

Colin Tomlinson, Pensacola, Fla., stopped Richard Surrett in three, scheduled six, bantamweights.

Middleweights Griffin Coleman of Mobile halted Slidel's Lionel Harris in one, scheduled six.

Light heavyweight Joe Goodman of Slidel decisioned Mobile's Lee Anthony over four.
(8-5-88)

▶**METARIE**—Jefferson Orleans Ballroom—Metarie's own David Collet, 155, went the distance for the first time in his four pro bouts with a six-round decision over George Hobbs. Hobbs, who fights out of Baton Rouge, was never down in the fight which saw his record fall to 6-3.

John "Death Wish" Gardner of Terrytown continued his knockout string at three in as many pro bouts by finishing off Covington's Darrell Batiste in the first round. Gardner, 142½, hurt his opponent with his first right hand of the fight. The referee stepped in at the 1:27 mark.

Ricky "Junkyard Dog" Randall, 150, New Orleans, gained a TKO victory over Grant Walters of Avondale, 145, in the fifth.

Welterweight Anthony Calamia of Kenner, La., won a four-round decision over Frank Vitrano, Metarie, La., in the pro debut for both.

Lightweight James Walters, Avondale, La., decisioned Scotty Phillips, Marerro, La., over four.

John Clouden of Covington, La., and Antonio Carter of Slide, La., drew in a six-round welterweight event.

Referees: Peter Giarrusso, Charles Joseph & Martin Coscino.

Promoter: Ronnie Banano.
(8-10-88)

STEPHEN DeFELICE

MARYLAND

▶**GLEN BURNIE**—La Fontaine Bleu—"Promoting boxing and not stars" is how promoter Max Kisner set the stage for a card that consisted of four bouts and an exhibition. "We want to give all fighters a chance to perform," said Max, who claims he and his son, matchmaker Danny Kisner, were still putting together the card at 3:30 a.m. the day of the event. Rather than scratch the show due to last-minute cancellations from some of the fighters, the Kisners decided to go with what they had, and some 1,100 boxing fans were treated to a delicious meal and some exciting professional boxing.

Headlining the card was Flip "Tip Top" Johnson, 126¼, Washington DC, who was coming off a tough loss to Harold Rhodes of Jersey City, NJ, on the last card here in July. Looking a lot sharper tonight, Johnson was able to gain a five-round TKO victory over Wilfredo De La Cruz, 125¾, Tacoma Park, Md.

De La Cruz, who looked like a racehorse who couldn't wait to get out of the gate, was quickly subdued by a tremendous right that knocked him down early in the first round. As the bout wore on, De La Cruz wore down, getting caught by counter right hands and stinging left jabs.

Johnson was in much better condition than his opponent and as De La Cruz started to resort to such tactics as throwing double right hand leads from the conventional stance, "Flip" was in total command. The "Tip Top" man would continually land his stiff left jab at will and counter beautifully with hard rights.

By the fifth round the right hand had landed one too many times and referee Larry Barrett correctly stopped the action at 1:13 in the fifth of the scheduled eight.

Johnson is now getting back on track after a 14-month layoff. He has an excellent record of 10-1 and wants to continue to work hard and keep his timing sharp. Under his new management team of Gary Lampkins and Jesse Ingram and trainers John Snead and Roscoe Gudger, Flip is fully assured that the benefits of boxing are still ahead of him and not behind him.

In a rematch, George Pindell, 130, Annapolis, Md., 6-1, won for a second time over the ever-present Donnie Parker, 128½, Balt., Md. In their first meeting, a four-rounder, some observers felt the decision could have gone either way even though Pindell won unanimously. This time the bout went six rounds and again Pindell won unanimously, but this time more decisively. "I caught him with better shots this fight," said Pindell, who knocked Parker down in the third round with a chopping right hand followed by a left cross. "I tried to draw an opening to get him coming in." Pindell, a southpaw, has taken his skills seriously. He has improved on his technique in displaying a good combination of defense and mixing his punches to both the body and head.

Larry Middleton, an ex-heavyweight contender who now manages Pindell, was quite pleased with his fighter's performance. "We don't like to rush guys." said Middleton.

Pindell raised his record to 6-1. With his skills and style, Pindell's career will have a special curiosity as the quality of competition improves. Ref: Frank Kelly.

Scott Page, 135½, District Hts, Md., was taken by surprise by a furious left hook in the first round of a scheduled six by Joseph Brown, 133¾, Richmond, Va., making his pro debut. The punch knocked Page down. Shocked and dazed, Page got up right away. Moments later, Page still woozy and trying to clear the cobwebs out of his head, was knocked down again, this time by a flurry of punches. Able to get up and beat the count, Page was still severely shaken and could hardly defend himself as Referee Milton Greene mercifully stopped the bout at 1:17. "I just got caught cold pulling out," Page would say later in the dressing room. "When I went down (the first time) I got up too quickly. I should have taken advantage of the full count. His shots after that were not as strong but I was still woozy." The bout was scheduled for six. Page's record drops to 7-2.

George Greenhow, 145¾, Palmer Park, Md., raised his record to 3-1 in earning a four-round unanimous decision over debuting John Taylor 145, Balt, Md. Both provided plenty of action in a pleasing bout that had the crowd cheering for both in the end. Ref: Ray Klingmayer.

Promoter: Maryland Showcase.
Matchmaker: Danny Kisner.
Timekeepers: Izzy Bach & Harry Cecchini.
Announcer: Tony Baldoni.
Judges: Tom Kelly, Frank Kelly, Terry Moore, Ray Klingmeyer, Larry Barrett & Milton Greene.
Attendance: 1,100 (est.).
(8-24-88)

▶**GLEN BURNIE**—La Fontaine Bleu—"Promoting boxing and not stars" is how promoter Max Kisner set the father and son team of promoter and matchmaker, is matches cancelling out. However, as matchmaker Danny Kisner put it, "By using our methods of follow through and continued support of fighters, managers and other proven matchmakers, we turned a matchmaker and promoter's nightmare into a fight night for our fans."

The main event was scratched between featherweights Flip Johnson of Washington DC and Ricky West of Lorain, Ohio when it was discovered that West had a repaired detatched retina. According to Dr. Lawrence Charnas, Neurological Consultant to the Maryland State Athletic Commission, "Any serious retinal injury prevents licensing in Maryland and that includes all retinal detatchments. This is a somewhat controversial legal regulation and not just a medical regulation. This is why **Sugar Ray Leonard,** who is from Maryland, is not allowed to box professionally in the state."

The substitute main event may have lacked in excitement but more than made up for it in controversy. Andre Hazelwood, 143, Balt, Md., and Marvin McDowell, 146½, Balt, Md., were strolling along in their scheduled six when the taller Hazelwood, in an enigmatical manner, dropped to one knee in the third. McDowell, mystified, stopped throwing punches. Referee Milton Greene, after a few brief moments, had no alternative but to step in and start counting to 10. The count of 10 came at 2:56 of the third.

Andre got up and as he was walking toward his corner displayed a bad gash over his left eye, the result of an apparent head butt.

Greene explained later that he didn't know there was a butt when he counted Hazelwood out because he couldn't see the cut due to Andre shielding it with his glove while he was down. Once it was determined there was a butt, the commission ruled to go to the scoring to see who was ahead; including the third round, even though it hadn't gone the full three minutes. McDowell was ahead on all three cards and was awarded the win.

The next day, after further review of the situation, the commission decided to overturn the decision and declare the bout a technical draw. McDowell's record goes to 7-9-1. Hazelwood is 2-2-1.

Keith "The Diamond" Grimes, 136½, Balt, Md., paired up with Stephan "The Grasshopper" Stallings, 138½, Washington DC, in a six-round battle. Grimes was able to get inside and score repeatedly with lefts and rights to the body. Stallings, who had a height and reach advantage over Grimes, could only hold to avoid the persistent attack. This unimaginative approach on defense eventually cost him a point in the fourth round. Grimes, however, lacked any significant power behind his punches and the bout went the distance with Grimes winning all six rounds on all cards. Ref: Frank Kelly. Grimes raised his record to 8-2-1, while Stallings dropped to 1-2-1.

After a triumphant pro debut in surprising Greg Page and everybody else here with a first-round knockout, Joe "The Brown Bomber" Brown, 133½, Richmond, Va., came back down to reality in losing a four-round unanimous decision to Carl Griffith, 136, Lorain, Oh., making his pro debut. Griffith had nice style, throwing stiff left jabs and following up with solid right hands, although he did get caught several times by good countering left hooks. Brown could not adjust to Griffith's bothersome jab and kept switching back and forth from the second on. He never could develop a strategy to overcome Griffith's good basic boxing skills.

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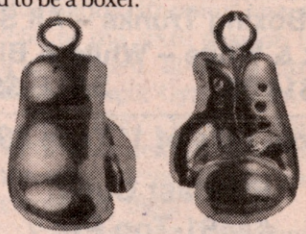

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Gerald McClellan, 161, Milwaukee, Wi, raised his record to 2-0-2, two KOs, with a first-round TKO over southpaw Bill Davis, 159, Washington, DC, 1-2-0. Even though Davis never went down, he was virtually out on his feet when referee Ray Klingmeyer stepped in to stop it at 1:18 of a scheduled four.

In a four-round matchup, Troy Emerson, 174¾, Falls Church, Va., won a TKO at 1:29 in the second round over Dennis Burgess, 170½, Jersey City, NJ, 0-3. Prior to referee Larry Barrett stopping the bout with Burgess face up on the canvas, Emerson had dropped his opponent with a big right uppercut earlier in the round.

Promoter: Classic Boxing Entertainment, Maryland Showcase Division.

Matchmaker: Danny Kisner.

Timekeepers: Izzy Bach & Harry Cecchini.

Announcer: Tony Baldoni.

Judges: Tom Kelly, Frank Kelly, Larry Barrett, Ray Klingmeyer & Milton Greene.

Attendance: 700 (est.).

(9-15-88)

FRED BLUMSTEIN

MICHIGAN

▶**AUBURN HILLS**—The Palace—The monthly Kronk shows moved uptown with headliner and former world heavyweight champion **George Foreman,** 242, 57-2, versus an outclassed Bobby Hitz, 213, 14-3, in a bout that took the Reverend just 2:59 to land a chopping overhand-hook that dropped the Chicagoan for the count. The motivated Foreman looked formidable as he stalked Hitz and took care of business.

On the undercard, the 8,000 expectant fans were treated to a host of local hopefuls displaying their wares before the television cameras of FNN/SCORE and PASS Cable as **Jim McDonald,** 173, 27-6, took a TKO at 2:29 of the fourth in a spirited bout with Defiance Ohio's Jamie Featherman Howe, 173, 19-7, when the cut-prone Howe's crowding offense led to a sliced right eyebrow that was vicious enough to call a medical halt to the proceedings.

Rivaling the intensity and bravery was **Dennis Andries,** 174½, 37-6-2, fresh from a win over Bobby Czyz, facing Oklahoma City's Tony Harrison 175, 16-9, in a match that went seven. Both were badly wounded with cuts that yielded a TKO win for Andries when Harrison could not answer the bell for the eighth.

In another co-feature scheduled for 10 Joaquin Velasques 158, 19-2-1, late of Republican Dominicana, KO'd Morris Virgil 156½, 2-2, of Milwaukee with a short right hand that was all business at 2:08, folding Virgil like an accordian for the count.

Rising star Andre Thibeadoux 149¾, 6-1, was featured in a rough and tumble affair with Danny Thomas 151¾, 7-4, of Clarksville, Indiana, that saw kicking, elbows and a point being taken from Andre by referee Dale Grable for throwing his opponent to the mat. Thibeadoux won the unanimous decision from judges Chip Acey, Rich Fisher and Rose Grable. Both proved they had heart, with Thibeadoux exhibiting the requisite skills to prevail under the tutelage of Dad Thibeadoux.

In a four-rounder, Kronk ascendent Troy Robinson's debut under the watchful eye of Emanuel Steward was marred by Rick Caldwell, 141, 0-1, when the Milwaukee native simply laid down twice in the second to force referee Grable to declare a no-contest, thus holding Caldwell's purse in escrow pending a Commission investigation promised by Chairman Dr. Stuart Kirschenbaum. Robinson, at 147, must patiently await a worthy opponent for his debut as the record is officially nil at this point.

Bay City Michigan's war-horse, veteran Darryl Spain, 162, 16-12, escaped with his life again, yet stayed the course in his six-rounder with Kronkster Paul McPeek, 160½, whose pristine 15-0 record remained intact as he pounded out a unanimous decision reminding one of a variation of the ditty: the rain on Spain falls mainly on his brain. McPeek found his mark seemingly at will, yet no one questioned Darryl's heart as he took it to the limit one more time.

(9-10-88)

TOM PARUSZKIEWICZ

NEVADA

▶**LAS VEGAS**—Showboat—If you'll pardon the expression, the old **Engels Pedroza** was back in form, laying a woeful tale of brevity on the enemy.

The 22-year-old kayo wizard commuting from Long Beach, California now has matchmaker Mel Greb digging deeper into his boxing bios after showing an unhospitable attitude toward Manuel DeLeon.

DeLeon, 27, a Dominican debuting in the west from Newark, N.J., had never been down as a pro, winning 16 of 19 bouts by knockouts.

In little more than four minutes of lopsided combat, Pedroza had DeLeon stretched flat three times. Referee Carlos Padilla wisely stopped it at 1:02 of the second round in what was scheduled as a 10-round main event.

Pedroza, 144, raised his log to 21-1, all wins by kayo. It was his second blitz since being upset by Ann Arbor's Mike Johnson June 17 at the 'Boat on a ninth-round TKO. The power-punching native of Caracas, Venezuela resumed his winning ways Aug. 13, dropping down to Tucson to stop Eloy Sanchez in three heats.

Greb is bringing Johnson back to the Showboat Oct. 8 and if the Michigan talent survives as easy as Pedroza did, the matchmaker may try to get them together before the year is out.

Jimmy Montoya, who does the training, and Marc Risman, who does the managing, are in agreement "about not being in a big hurry to meet Johnson again unless it's a big money fight on TV."

"I have no complaints about the way he won this fight. A lot of people didn't know Pedroza hadn't sparred for 10 days after picking up a cut over his left eye in training," Montoya explained.

"His timing was off, but he hurt DeLeon in the first round. I didn't want him to go for an early knockout. In fact, I wouldn't care if it had gone 10 rounds. After the first knockdown in the first round, I told Engels to throw the right and go to the body."

Pedroza was sticking and moving from the outset. After rocking his foe with a combination, Pedroza stretched DeLeon, 143, with a right to the jaw. DeLeon, who lost only nine of 98 amateur bouts in the Carribean, was ducking and darting to survive the round, but was unable to counter effectively.

Opening Round Two, DeLeon threw a desperation right uppercut, but Pedroza coolly rocked his man with a left-right combo. Engels scored with another salvo and when DeLeon ducked and tried to come under, Pedroza hammered DeLeon down for an "eight" count in his own corner with two booming rights.

Gamely, DeLeon rose and immediately caught a left hook to the jaw which sent him spinning back to the canvas. Padilla immediately ended the mismatch.

Pedroza was pleased, but admitted "I need more work.

"I had seen DeLeon in his only fight in Los Angeles. He's a good fighter, but he's not a big puncher. I feel good, but I'll be better in my next fight," Pedroza added. "Me and Jimmy are going to do a lot of work together because I know I need experience. He caught me once with a jab, but it didn't bother my old cut."

Akeem Anifowoshe, 117, Las Vegas, rebounded from a flash first-round knockdown and went on to score a TKO win over Carlos Castro, 120, National City, Calif., at 3:00 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight-rounder. Anifowoshe is now 11-0 with seven KOs, while Castro falls to 14-8.

Four-round prelims included: Kevin Grantham, 154, Las Vegas (6-0-1, three KOs) scored a unanimous decision over Vince Wilkerson, 153, Los Angeles, Calif., who drops to 1-3.

Lupe Lopez, 127, Commerce City, Colo., erased Rafael Castillo Rojas, 124, Las Vegas, at 1:02 of the second round. Lopez is now 2-0, two KOs, Rojas is 2-1.

Ricky Berroa, 167, Las Vegas, won a decision over Casinoa Santana, 165, Reno, Nev.

(9-10-88)

▶**LAS VEGAS**—Bally's—**Primo Ramos** learned a thing or two about an extended stay away from the prize ring as Banner Promotions of Philadelphia made its debut at Bally's Hotel-Casino.

Luckily, Ramos was in an over-the-weight non-title match with **Anthony Jones** of Detroit, or he would have lost much more than a 10-round majority decision in the Strip venue's Grand Ballroom.

With Ramos in at 137, one pound heavier than Jones, his North American Boxing Federation lightweight crown was not in jeopardy.

What may take a nose dive is the Mexican-born Ramos' international status since he went into the ring as *The Ring's* No. 8 contender.

Ramos, 28, was making only his second start since last Oct. 28 when he stopped Frankie Randall in two rounds to win the NABF laurels at the Las Vegas Hilton.

Until Jones, the transplanted Mexican had hardly broken a sweat since knocking out mismatched Kerns Ibarra in one round at the Hilton in a non-title bout.

Ramos was trying to load up in the early rounds, but he was short or erratic with his bread and butter right. Rarely was the power which enabled the Mexican to post 23 KOs on his 33-6 record in evidence.

Jones, out of Detroit's Kronk Gym, moved to 19-1-1

with 10 KOs, primarily on the strength of combination counters down the stretch and equally good hooks to the body just when it appeared Ramos was about to ignite.

The NABF champion's best round was the seventh when he rushed out at the bell and caught Jones with a booming right hand. The Michigander lurched back into the ropes and Primo pulled out all stops. Jones held and darted to escape the hammer. Everytime Ramos appeared to hurt his adversary, Jones fell into a clinch.

Primo, who recently relocated to Alburquerque, N.M., was later to say, "He never hurt me, but I knew I had hurt Jones in the seventh, but I couldn't finish him. I had some personal things on my mind and I couldn't concentrate in the ring, but that's no excuse."

Emanuel Steward, speaking for Jones, admitted his charge "surprised me the way he took the punches and came roaring back. As for that loss to Martin Quiroz (TKO in four Apr. 23 at the Showboat) Anthony took the guy lightly and wasn't prepared. That one was a junior welter go, and Jones isn't comfortable at 140."

In the official balloting, Jones drew the nod of Hal Miller at 96-94 while Patricia Jarman tabbed it 97-93. Judge Jerry Roth had a draw at 95-95.

In a 10-round semi-windup, Dio Colome, 148, Bell, Calif., ran up an easy lead and then had enough left to hold off Eric Hernandez, 149, Phoenix. for a unanimous decision.

Colome, making his first Vegas outing in two years, had too much strength and stamina, improving his log to 21-4 with 12 KOs. Hernandez, originally from Puerto Rico, suffered his first loss after nine straight wins, six by kayo.

Danny Trevino, 161, Fort Worth, Tex., made it three straight inside the distance when Donnie Giron, 158, Denver, Colo., was unable to answer the bell for the fourth and final round because of a cut left eye.

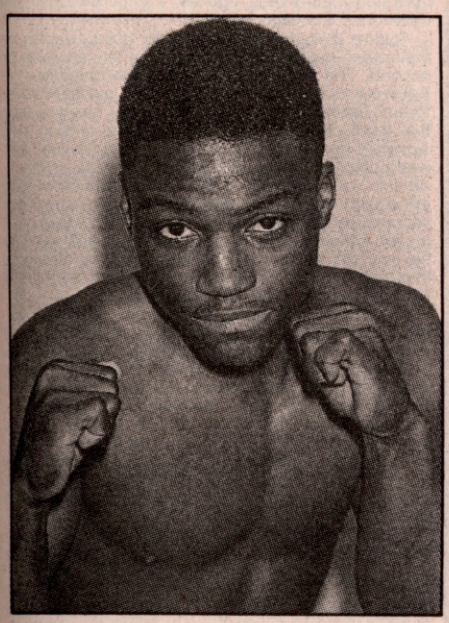
Adrian Riggs, 174, Las Vegas, ended a four-fight losing streak when he won a four-round split decision over Tim Davis, 172, Las Vegas, whose ledger is now 3-3, one KO.

Humberto Lucero, 140, Albuquerque, N.M., rallied against Detroit's Tarrick Fikes, 141, to score a TKO at 2:00 of the fourth round. Lucero is now 2-0 with two KOs, Fikes 1-1 with one KO.

Jerold McNeal, 131, Houston, ruined the pro debut of Michael Black, 128, Las Vegas, when he caught him flush with a right to the jaw for the third and final knockdown at 2:43 of the fourth round. The winner is now 2-2, one KO.
(9-2-88)

JACK WELSH

NEW JERSEY



Late sub Mike Mungin sprang an upset, hammering Micky Ward for a unanimous 10-round decision in Atlantic City.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY**—Resorts Hotel-Casino—One man's fever became another man's fortune when scheduled starter **Saoul Mamby** had to bail out the day of the fight and in stepped **Mike Mungin** to make the best of the opportunity. In an outcome that surprised the vast majority, Mungin, 145, Philadelphia, used his superior firepower to garner a close but unanimous decision in 10 rounds over **Micky Ward**, 136½, Lowell, Ma.

Ward took the first round with his animated Maypole dance, but in the next session "Machine Gun" put some rapid fire shots together when he was able to pin Ward on the ropes, nearly sending him to the canvas early on. Startled by his foe's strength and bleeding from the nose, Ward avoided (for the most part) the left hooks to the body by darting, dancing and peppering his way through the next three rounds to take the lead on all cards.

The tide turned abruptly and for good early in the sixth when Ward, 18-2, 12 KOs, was sent sprawling to the deck compliments of an off-the-ropes, long right hand. Now, not only was his nose in bad shape, but he had cuts above both eyes, and it took a whole lot of clinching to survive the round. Thankfully for Micky, Mungin, while having a fast pair of hands, didn't exactly have the legs to set himself up properly to finish the job. Nonetheless, Mungin, who raised his record to 18-2, 13 KOs, swept rounds seven and eight.

Ward did all he could to take the ninth, but had nothing left for the critical final three minutes; the verdict still up for grabs after nine. *The Ring* card of 95-94 agreed round for round with judges Rich Strange and Tom Kaczmarek, while Eva Shain gave Mike the third for a final round of 96-93. Ref; Joe Cortez.

Afterwards, Dick Ecklund, Ward's brother and chief second, accused matchmaker Ron Katz of deceiving them into fighting a middleweight. "I know he weighs at least 154," a disgusted Eklund said. "How can he be proud of beating someone who is two weight classes lower? The promoters swore to me that Mungin would weigh in at no more than 147."

Said Ward, "I was hoping to wear him out, but his weight just took everything out of me."

As for the winner, he said, "I've been in and out of the gym, but I took this fight because I've watched Ward on tape and I knew he would be no threat to me. I wasn't tired in the early rounds, but I was frustrated because I was a little rusty. After that, I just decided to muscle him around and keep busting him open with uppercuts."

In a companion 10, **Mike Tinley,** 163¾, Camden, NJ, now boxing for the Kronk stable, came back to world-class competition with a 10-round tattooing of **Jose Quinones,** 163, San Juan. "Movin' On" never let his stronger-punching adversary set down on his punches. Tinley looked primed in Round One, but then settled into a rather same-same jab-right hand to completely frustrate Jose, 26-7-2, 20 KOs.

The no-knockdown affair was refereed by Rudy Battle and Tinley, who raised his record to 21-4-1, eight KOs, took scores of 98-93 from Kaczmarek, 99-91 from Shain and 99-92 from Strange. *The Ring* card gave him every round; 100-90.

Clearly baffled by the southpaw stance of Kevin Marston, 127, Queens, Tony "Dynamite" Green, 127½, Phila., could never explode and lost for the first time (4-1-1, three KOs) via a six-round unanimous decision. Marston, 7-2, one KO, took command early when he dropped Green in the first with a sweeping left hand. While Shain had it close at 57-56, *The Ring* agreed with Kaczmarek and Strange at 58-55. Ref; Cortez.

Huge-shouldered Kevin "KO" Owens, 165½, Camden, turned pro by taking a four-round unanimous nod over a very respectful Brinatti Maquilon, 165, NYC, who fell to 1-1. Owens, while far from a polished product, seemed more to scare his foe rather than hurt him in a rather uneven and one-sided bout. Scores: Shain and Kaczmarek both had it 40-36, while Strange saw it 39-37 as did *The Ring*. Ref; Battle.

In a real shoot 'em out four, Larry Barnes, 148, Mt. Vernon, NY, went to 2-0, getting his first knockout win when he leveled Joey Ropeno, 144¾, Reading, Pa., with a single left hook at 0:37 of the third. Barnes cleaned up in the first with his "Tyson" left hook and un-Godly pressure. Referee Battle nearly moved in to stop it in Round Two when, shortly after, Joey nailed Barnes with a textbook straight right and down went Larry! It really didn't change things; Barnes getting right back up and continuing to blast away. Battle appeared to be administering a standing eight count to Joey in his own corner just as the bell rang to end the round. The end came just after a game Ropeno dropped in another solid right. But Larry shook it off and countered quickly with that crunching hook to put lights out; Battle

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Roman, 50-4-1 with 35 knockouts, cooly reviewed the bout, saying, "Hatanaka was a good boy with strong fighting spirit, but he needs more experience. They were not low blows, especially the one in the third round."

Local TV station, CBC, suffered more damage than Hatanaka. The eight minutes of time outs prevented the station from showing the entire bout, the program ending midway in the last round! CBC received a rain of criticism from a great many viewers.

Promoters: Matsuda Promotions/ Teiken Promotions.
TV: CBC in Japan, Televisa in Mexico.
(9-4-88)

JOE KOIZUMI

YUH – OHYUTHANAKORN

WBA Jr. Flyweight Title

PUSAN, KOREA — UNBEATen Myung-Woo Yuh, the WBA junior flyweight titleholder, had little difficulty outpunching and outspeeding Thai challenger Putt Ohyuthanakorn, stopping him at 2:58 of the sixth session in a scheduled 12-round title bout at Sajik Gymnasium.

The easy victory was Yuh's ninth defense since dethroning Joey Olivo December 8, 1985.

Each hit the 108-pound limit, but the taller Thai national champ appeared skinny and less powerful and was too cautious as the 24-year-old Yuh took the initiative with stinging lefts in the first round. Ohyuthanakorn had failed to win the OPBF junior flyweight throne when stopped here by current world flyweight champion Yong-Kang Kim December 11, 1987. This was the 28-year-old's sec-

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ond Korean showing, but he had no fight plan except to try and counter Yuh, who also dominated the second session.

Yuh picked up the pace even more in the third, landing smashing left-right combinations, but Ohyuthanakorn fought back in the closing seconds with occasional lefts and rights. The Korean realized the end was near, though, and battered his negative opponent from all angles in the fifth stanza, bringing the Thai to a standstill as the bell came to his rescue.

In the fatal round, Yuh came forward, banging away with solid combinations to the face and midsection. Pinning Ohyuthanakorn to the ropes, Yuh exploded a wicked left uppercut to the belly. Putt fell flat, and referee Ed Eckert of the United States could have counted more than 100.

At the finish, Rosemary Grable of the US had it 50-45, Hiroyuki Tezaki of Japan saw it 50-46 and Ryoji Kashiwagi, also of Japan, had it 49-45, all for Yuh, who won easily, as expected. Ohyuthanakorn, the WBA's 10th-ranked contender, had dropped a unanimous decision to Japanese puncher Katsumi Kimiyama in a tuneup July 2, so no one imagined he could beat Yuh, who improved to 28-0 with nine KOs. The loser impaired to 24-5 with 14 KOs.

The baby-faced Yuh will be obliged to face highly regarded Mexican Humberto Gonzales, the WBA's top contender, soon. But first, he will face Udin, the Indonesian kingpin, in a defense that could be as easy as this one.

Promoter: Hyun-Chi Kim's Dong-A Promotions.
TV: MBC in Korea.
(8-28-88)

JOE KOIZUMI

never bothering to extend the timekeeper's count past four. Ropeno fell to a reported 2-5.
Timekeeper: Lindsey Tucker.
Promoter: Top Rank.
Television: ESPN.
(9-9-88)

JACK OBERMAYER

▶**ATLANTIC CITY**—Harrah's—A three-bout undercard supported the **Meldrick Taylor-Buddy McGirt** battle for the IBF junior welterweight crown.

Edwin Rosario, 138½, San Juan, KO'd Felipe Angulo, 135½, Monteria, Col, at 2:00 of the second, scheduled 10. Angulo took a thunderclap right, then showed little resolve to get up. Ref, Tony Orlando.

Robert Ochoa, 141½, San Antonio, got a split decision for no particular reason over Elvis Perez, 140½, Santo Domingo via Newark, in a dreadfully ineffective eight. Ref, Joe O'Neil.

Marc Randazzo, 178½, Chi., won a unanimous decision over James Drubin, 184, East Meadow, LI, in a rugged and crude four. Ref, Orlando.
Promoter: Madison Square Garden.
Matchmakers: Bobby Goodman & Pat Fleming.
TV: ABC.
Judges (undercard): Milo Savage, Frank Brunette, & "Rocky" Castellani.
Timekeeper: Justin Bucanico.
Announcer: Ed Derian.
(9-3-88)

J.R. JOWETT

NEW YORK

▶**NEW YORK CITY**—Madison Square Garden Felt Forum—That does it! I'm buying Bob Goodman a watch.

After temporarily sloughing off on marathon cards that last longer than two showings of a Cecil B. DeMille movie, the Garden bounced back with a doozy — a 10-bout card that called for 74 rounds! Knockouts in all but two fights cut that to 48 actual rounds, but the card still lasted from 7:30 p.m. until 11:50 p.m. And not many of the fights were all that wakeuppable.

The main bout was exciting, but also onesided, resulting in the exploding of another inflated Garden phenom. Undefeated **Matt "Bomber" Farrago,** 152, Long Island, ran into Brazilian visitor **Francisco DeJesus,** 153, in a scheduled 12 for the synthetic Continental Americas junior middleweight championship. Even with ex-great **Emile Griffith** in his corner, Farrago (24-0-1, 10 KOs) couldn't deal with DeJesus (25-2, eight KOs).

Farrago was game and in there swinging until the end. But by the time referee Joe Santarpia halted it at 1:54 of the eighth, Farrago had barely won a round and was bleeding heavily from three major cuts. DeJesus, who lost to **Matthew Hilton,** showed a planned attack and ring cool and was easily able to outwit Farrago and his random swinging.

After jolting Farrago with occasional straight rights late in the first and early in the second, DeJesus scored his crusher, a rapid-fire flurry to the face. Farrago was pouring blood from three places, the lower corner of the right eye, the left eyebrow and the bridge of the nose, the latter being so gigantic it looked like Niagara Falls on pep pills.

Farrago came out for the third covered with so much white cut goo he looked as if he'd been attacked by a house painter! From then, it was only a question of when the ref would stop it. From Round Five, DeJesus scored repeatedly with short right uppercuts to the chin and a series of uppercuts with both hands promoted the conclusion as Farrago stumbled into the ropes.

In a scheduled 10, Tyrone Jackson, 131½, New York City, came back from knee surgery but needed until 1:24 of the eighth to get rid of Mark Hammon, 127½, Okmulgee, Oklahoma. It was a lustily booed contest that resembled roller derby more than boxing as both lost rounds on fouls, which there were plenty of. Ref Carl Schroeder showed plenty of patience. Jackson punched after the bell in the second and fourth rounds and Hammon tried to bull Jackson out of the ring with his shoulder in the fourth. As the fifth began, Schroeder warned both for not fighting enough. He should have let well enough alone. Hammon bulled Jackson into the ropes and used everything *but* his hands on him. Jackson was eventually given two rests for low blows and Hammon lost the round on fouls. Jackson lost the sixth on a foul after adding a flagrant low blow of his own after the bell ended the round, and shoved Hammon onto the apron in the seventh.

In the eighth, Hammon was rubber-kneed and helpless from a triple right to the head and it was halted, upping Jackson's record to 28-1 with 23 KOs. Hammon (13-6) loudly protested the stoppage. Some people never catch on that they're in the wrong business.

The scheduled 12 for the Continental Americas junior lightweight title (?) turned out to be a ridiculous mismatch as local **Gino Gelormino,** 129, Long Island, upped his record to 26-1 with 18 KOs by stopping with ease a doubtful Mexican visitor named Angel Hernandez, 129½. Hernandez supposedly had a record of 31-9, but a detailed record of his last five years reveals nine wins and nine losses and a newspaper account claimed he had lost nine of his last 10 fights! It was halted by ref Luis Rivera at 1:22 of the fifth after Hernandez had been down at the end of the fourth and again at the start of the fifth.

In a six, unknown Bruce Johnson, 195, Youngstown, Ohio, upset the applecart of undefeated Eddie Cruz, 187, Brooklyn, with a first-round TKO. A right hook had the 3-0 Cruz vacant-eyed and swaying and ref Jim Santa awarded the 4-6-1 Johnson victory at 1:30.

Prospect Ricardo Cepeda, 125½, The Bronx, added another scalp to his 9-0-1 record with a methodical six-round TKO of Pedro Alindato, 128½, Albany. Alindato was down briefly in the first of a scheduled eight.

Darryl Lattimore (13-1, seven KOs), 145½, a poised, but punchless visitor from Washington, D.C., took six very ordinary rounds of another scheduled eight to dispose of Tony Guerra, 151½, The Bronx. No knockdowns.

Bobby McCarthy, 125, Cliffside Park, NJ, won his fourth without a loss, aggressively outpointing Boyd Gardener, 121, Detroit, in a no-knockdown six.

In a four-rounder between first-timers, the stronger Larry Barnes, 147, Mount Vernon, easily won every round to outpoint Mike Brown, 148, New York City. No knockdowns.

In a four-round match, Larry Steele, 170, Edison, NJ, fought back from an early battering to stop Dionisio Delvalle, 168, Brooklyn, in 1:59. Steele ran around the ring, blood pouring from his nose, with Delvalle in hot pursuit. In desperation, Steele suddenly lashed out with a double left hook to the jaw. It worked. Delvalle was out on his feet and had to be rescued by ref Santa.
Attendance: 1,504.

NOTES: Noted boxing writer **Barney Nagler** and **Marty Cohen,** long-time publicist and manager of heavyweight **Michael Dokes,** celebrated birthdays at ringside.
(8-25-88)

CHARLES D. BROWN

▶**NEW YORK CITY**—Felt Forum—Welterweight prospect Felix Santiago (147, Brooklyn) avenged his only loss as a pro by stopping Sergio Aguirre (145½, Harlingen, Texas) at the end of six rounds in a scheduled 10-round main event. Aguirre, a good trialhorse, had decisioned Santiago last year.

Aguirre looked good in the early going, winning the first round and cutting Santiago over the left eye in the second. The third was a great action round in which Aguirre was also cut over the left eye, but he managed to hurt Santiago badly with a series of heavy shots to the head. But Santiago's left started getting in to Aguirre's body in the fourth, and by the fifth the Texan was puffing, missing, and getting hit more and more. Aguirre was dead game, but took a terrible pounding in the sixth, being reduced to helplessness in the closing seconds by two big rights to the jaw. Many fans called on ref Arthur Mercante Jr. to stop it at that point, but he wouldn't do so until the bell had rung. Santiago's impressive performance raised his record to 21-1-1, 16 kayoes; Aguirre is 31-12, 19 kayoes.

In a brief humorous interlude, Terry Davis (225, Vallejo, Calif.) stopped Jack Johnson (200, Miami) at 0:39 of the first in a scheduled 10. Davis, now 17-0-1 with 16 kayoes, looks like the character "D-Day" in the movie *Animal House* and fights the way John L. Sullivan must have fought, only worse: He never threw a punch, he just swung from the heels each time. One of these swings caught Johnson flush and sent him wandering; ref Al LoBianco started a standing count, then quickly waved the fight over, quite properly, as Johnson was clearly out on his feet. The Floridian is now 14-7, 10 kayoes.

Popular young lightweight Tunde Foster (134, Brooklyn) had a little trouble before stopping Lupe Hernandez (137, Los Angeles) at 2:15 of the fifth, scheduled eight. Foster won every round, going well to the body and cutting Hernandez over the left eye, but Hernandez resisted well and fought back as best he could, nearly gaining the edge in the third heat. A fast combination put Hernandez on his back for a count of nine late in the fifth, and ref Mercante stopped it as soon as he'd

arisen, although he didn't look to be in terrible trouble. Foster's record goes to 19-0-1, 14 kayoes; Hernandez is 16-7-1, seven kayoes.

Art Tucker (215, Newark) raised himself to 13-0-1, 11 kayoes, by steamrolling an ineffectual Eddie Gonzalez (235, San Antonio, Texas) at 2:55 of the first, scheduled eight. The two sparred dully for most of the round, then a wild right decked the blubbery Gonzalez for a count of about 9½. He surrendered upon arising, although he looked fine. Ref Johnny Colan reported, "He said, 'I'm hurtin' bad.' He said it twice, so what could I do? Tucker's a murderous puncher." Gonzalez' record is 24-8, 14 kayoes; maybe he ought to retire.

Roosevelt Walker (153, Newark) stayed unbeaten at 5-0, three kayoes, with a one-sided six-round nod over Bill Robinson (150, Brooklyn) who's now 6-10-1, five kayoes. Walker gets hit a lot but has a good aggressive offense. Robinson, who wore unusual but attractive brown-and-white striped trunks, lost all control of the fight after the first round, and merely survived the rest of the way. Judges Barbara Perez, Tony Castellano and Bernie Friedkin all scored it 6-0; so did *The Ring*. Colan refereed.

Timekeeper: Cecilio Pedraja.
Ring Announcer: Ed Derian.
Promoter: Madison Square Garden Boxing.
Matchmaker: Bob Goodman.
Attendance: 1,504.
(9-8-88)

JOSEPH D'O'BRIAN

OHIO

▶**CLEVELAND**—Nautica In The Flats—An enthusiastic crowd was treated to an excellent night of pro boxing at this fine outdoor locale.

Sanderline Williams, 160, Cleveland, used a steady jab and sharp right hands to score a unanimous, 10-round decision over Hector Rosario, 160, New York, in the main event.

Williams got back on the winning track after consecutive tough losses to **Iran Barkley** and **Frank Tate.** Scores were 48-43 (twice) and 50-43.

In the night's best action, Donnell Wingfield, 175, Cleveland, improved to 14-0 with an eight-round, majority decision over tough Carl Williams, 175, Milwaukee. While Williams had the faster hands and threw nice combinations, Wingfield simply used his brute strength to bully and pound Williams all over the ring. Although Wingfield seemed to control the fight throughout, the scores were surprisingly close at 38-37, 37-35 and a ridiculous 37-37.

A major disappointment took place in what was the evening's most anticipated matchup. Joe Walker, 148, Akron, was declared the winner at the end of Round One when Henry Hughes, 147, Cleveland, was unable to continue after suffering an apparent shoulder dislocation. Scheduled eight.

Terry Davis, 218, Napa Valley, California, floored an out-of-shape Jeff May, 232, Chicago, three times in the first to score a TKO. Scheduled eight.

Nick "The Golden Greek" Pappas, 194, Cleveland, outboxed and outpunched game Jihad Ahmad, 190, Chicago to score a unanimous win over six rounds. Ahmad, who took a beating throughout, must be given credit for going the distance. Scores: 30-26, 29-26 and 29-25.

In the card's opener, which featured two debutants, John Hidey, 140, Sugarcreek, found Darryl Gibson, 140, Cleveland, an easy mark for right hands and used them repeatedly to score a unanimous win over four rounds. Scores: 20-15 (twice) and 20-14.

Promoter: John Giachetti/TKO Productions.
Matchmaker: John Giachetti.
Referees: Ron Tillman & Earl Jewell.
Attendance: 1,400 (est.).
(8-29-88)

ERICH GLIEBE

PENNSYLVANIA

▶**PHILADELPHIA**—Blue Horizon—Promoter Russell Peltz' bold plan to establish an out-of-town favorite may be starting to work as a near sellout turned up to watch **Jorge Maysonet** lose . . . well, not the fight, but his "Minute-Man" tag. The New York-based Puerto Rican, 149, had blitzed out his two previous local foes in less than a combined two minutes. He definitely tried to prolong the streak against Sammy Rivera, 147½, Knoxville, in the scheduled 10. Swirling out of his corner with the fury of a "Gilberto," the adopted son gave the visitor a trying welcome. But Rivera immediately won the hearts of the fans when he stood stubbornly through the gale and eventually backed his tormentor off.

A sneak left stung Maysonet early in the second and changed the ground rules. For a couple of sessions, Jorge looked a bit confused and less menacing. Rivera's lefty stance couldn't be blamed as two of Maysonet's three previous victims had been southpaws. It was Sammy's determination, rather than configuration, that had Jorge backing away and pawing for an opening until a sweeping left hook penetrated to kick off an incredible fourth!

The shot broke and bloodied Rivera's nose and launched Maysonet into cyclone mode again as the intruder remained erect under fearsome punishment. A reckless Maysonet was suddenly frozen in his tracks by a right counter that nearly pitched him onto his face as both the increased contingent of Hispanics and just plain fight fans rose to their feet at the screeching turn of events. But Jorge herky-jerked to safety, then regained control with a torturous assault on Sammy's injured beak.

The subsequent round saw the favorite take a more prudent tack, picking his shots at the center of the invader's bloody face. The doctor refused to let Sammy continue into the sixth, giving Maysonet his 18th win (all inside the distance!) against two defeats. Rivera fell to 19-5.

"His right hand ain't no big deal," insisted the loser. "He fights in spurts and I thought he hit harder with his left."

Though the jury remains out, Jorge's trainer, Lenny DeJesus, waxed enthusiastic. "It's a good thing this fight went a couple of rounds so people could see what Maysonet has," he explained. "I don't want my guy getting it into his head that he's going to put everybody away in one minute."

Frank Cappuccino refereed.

The semifinal eight was an excellent contest that provided in boxing what the main event gave in action. Bryant Paden, 137½, N. Phila., came away with a well deserved, but unpopular majority decision over house favorite Mike Brown, 140, N. Phila. It wasn't even a city, let alone neighborhood, rivalry as the Atlantic City-based Paden hadn't appeared locally since his first two prelims. Though both are classy boxers, the mix of styles was enough to provide a tight, disciplined and exciting contest. The stocky Paden picked off the rangy Brown's shots and countered expertly in seeming to have it firmly under control at the outset. But Brown wasn't about to be "stunk out" in front of neighborhood fans and stepped up his initiative in spite of many jarring left hook counters. Bryant appeared to tire some in the second half as Mike's persistence saved face in spite of the lost verdict. Paul Harris voted 37-37, while Carol Polis had 39-34 and Charlie Sgrillo 38-34 to lift Paden to 12-3-1. Ref, Ron Aurit.

Rodney Moore, 140½, N. Phila., TKO'd James Woodhouse, 146, N. Phila., at 1:17 of the third, scheduled eight. After a couple of close rounds of boxing, Rodney discovered Woodhouse's ribs, then zinged him with a whistling right to the head. A couple more to the ribs doubled him over and as ref Aurit went into a standing eight, Woodhouse turned away and it was stopped.

Damon Feldman, 161½, Broomall, son of trainer Marty Feldman, debuted with a TKO over ageless punching bag Bob Saxton (a/k/a "Charlie Johnson"), now in his umpteenth resurrection as "Jesse Mills," 156½, N. Phila., at 0:31 of the first, scheduled four. Saxton/Johnson/Mills did try, managing one fair right, but was being overwhelmed in a corner when Cappucino halted it.

Willie Rivera, 138½, N. Phila., went to 5-0 with a unanimous decision over Martin Brokenbough, 136, W. Phila., in a dreary six. The southpaw Brokenbough lunged into a left hook counter to suffer a knockdown in the fifth while falling to 2-10. Rivera's performance was undistinguished, despite the lopsided win. Ref, Aurit.

Robert Roebuck, 139½, Knoxville, TKO'd Jose Avila, 141, Honduras via Bronx, when a cut eye precluded his coming out for the second of an uneventful four. Though the cut appeared to come from a butt, the gilded Avila showed little resolve to continue after having scored two "easy" wins. Roebuck went 2-0. The verdict is under protest. Ref, Cappuccino.

Promoter: Peltz Boxing Promotions.
Matchmaker: J. Russell Peltz.
Attendance: 1,102, $11,826.
TV: USA Network.
Timekeeper: Tony Stenza.
Announcer: Ed Derian.
(9-15-88)

▶**READING**—Municipal Stadium—The potentially productive Central Penn area enjoyed another entry in the sporadic boxing program that never seems to achieve a life of its own. One of the better offerings, coupled with wrestling and a boxing exhibition between locals Larry Spayd and Marshall Kauffman, was held outdoors at the minor league ballfield. A one-week rain delay added nothing to the success of the promotion. Neither did a virtual absence of local media concern. Only a moderate crowd turned out for what proved to be a topnotch slate of bouts.

Hovering on the fringe of would-be contenders, "Sinking Spring" Steve Little (formerly "Reading" Steve Little), 158½, Sinking Spring, had his work cut out for him against upsetter Jerry Williams, 156, Phila. Though coming back from a long layoff, Williams wasn't just there for the payday. He pressured the rugged local star throughout a grueling 10. Little got off to an early lead with his forte, outfighting Williams in brisk inside exchanges. But midway through, he seemed to figure there must be an easier way to rack up a win and began giving ground. Jerry continued in hot pursuit, and for awhile seemed a threat to catch up. The late rounds saw the pace beginning to tell on both, but only in execution, not endeavor. Little kept his hands going and often found the charging Williams stepping right into them to give Steve a hard-won unanimous victory. Mike Mittman refereed.

The semifinal eight paired possibly the region's two best lightweights, but turned out a one-sided licking. A noteworthy prospect, Lenny Bainbridge, 137½, Reading, was too all-around good for scrappy Steve Mistretta, 135, Palmerton. Handled by his father, Steve didn't lack for heart or will, but won't get much for ring savvy. A tough, pressuring dynamo, Mistretta elected to remain at arm's length and played right into the hands of the stylish Bainbridge. After getting beaten to the punch all night, Steve began to show signs of wear and tear in the sixth. When a right sent him sagging against the ropes and Lenny went after him with finality in the seventh, ref Tony Wolfe stopped it over Mistretta's protests.

Former collegiate champion Jimmy Ruoff, 179, Reading, despite a thriving insurance business, just loves to fight, and got a unanimous win over Robbie Jordan, 170½, Frackville, in a wild and woolly four. Jordan couldn't avoid the right and was nearly out of there in the first. But he hung tough in unschooled, but hectic action to nearly turn it as Jimmy tired in the third. Ruoff just managed a second wind in an exhausting fourth to nail down the win. Ref, Mittman.

Jose "Peligro" Perez, 134½, Reading, blew out Rodney Branford, 137, Reading, who took a standing eight in the first and was dropped in the second for a TKO at 2:52, scheduled four. Wolfe refereed.

Promoter: George Moliatu (SGM Promotions).
Matchmaker: Harold Moore.
Attendance: 425, $3,500 (est.).
Judges: Adalaide Tyndale, Frank Martin, & referee not in ring.
Timekeeper: Elise Lashe.
Announcer: Joe McHugh.
(8-27-88)

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▶**MEMPHIS**—Omni-New Daisy Theatre—Detroit's **Hurley "Dr. Prescription" Snead,** 122, dropped San Antonio's Carlos Flores, 123, in the first and seventh rounds and won by TKO when Flores stayed in his corner as the bell sounded for Round Eight.

Flores was cut over both eyes and in the mouth as Snead lifted his record to 36-2. Snead had beaten Flores on a 10-round decision in a previous meeting in Detroit.

"I threw more body shots this time," the 29-year-old Snead told Thomas Harding of *The Commercial Appeal*. "I hurt him more with body shots than head shots and after I got some body shots in, he dropped his hands. I thought I had the right prescription in Detroit, but I didn't. I had to give him a double dose."

Snead entered the ring wearing a surgeon's mask and an operating smock, an outfit that did not sit well with the local fans. But doctors are no laughing matter to Snead. His last scheduled match, June 29 in Detroit, was scratched at the last minute when Michigan Athletic Commission physician Dr. Alistair McKendrick said, "Snead is virtually blind in the left eye . . . he has no peripheral vision to speak of and the cataract on the eye would prevent him from seeing oncoming blows . . ."

Knox Brown, 165, Memphis, stopped Rick Wilson, 170, Evansville, Indiana, at 2:43 of the third frame in a scheduled six-rounder.

Covington's Chuck Glover, 149, scored a first-round knockout over Eddie Johnson, 155, Lima, Ohio, Johnson being counted out in just 2:32 of their scheduled six.

Covington's Tyrone Meux, 160, earned a four-round, unanimous decision over fellow Memphian Tommy Jeans, 149.

Promoter: Tom Harmon/Mid South Boxing, Inc.
Matchmakers: Red Fortner & Peyton Sher.
Announcer: Gilbert Beam.
Judges: Mark Acheson, Sam Garland, James Perkins, Haywood Watts & Sonny Hanks.
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Attendance: 500 (est.).
(9-6-88)

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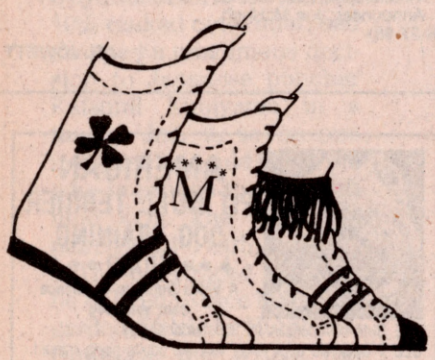

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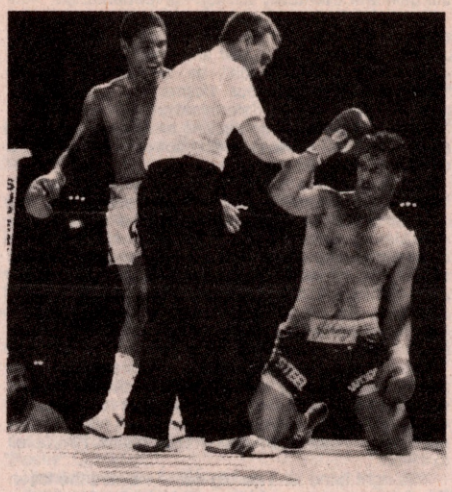

Renaldo Snipes walks away from Johnny DuPlooy, who quit when the going got rough in their heavyweight battle in Milwaukee.

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▶**MILWAUKEE**—Eagles Club—For Wisconsin's first fight card in two years, FNN/SCORE, South Africa's white heavyweight cash cow machine (Pro Sport Inc.), local promoter Ron Collison (Wisconsin Ringside) and Cedric Kushner combined to offer Midwestern fight fans a night to remember.

South African heavyweight hopeful **Johnny DuPlooy** was set to begin his bid for a title fight with Mike Tyson by disposing of antiquated former contender **Renaldo Snipes** in a bout that would be beamed back to the homeland.

A sad thing happened to DuPlooy on his way to the heavyweight championship — he turned out to be a poorly conditioned, ill-trained warrior, who quit when things stopped going this way.

After brutalizing Snipes through the first three rounds with hard right hands and uppercuts, DuPlooy seemed to tire in the fourth, which precipitated a major league slugfest.

In the midst of their furious fourth-round war, Snipes was butted and a large cut was opened on his upper lip, but the blood only made "Mister" S. mad. By the sixth round DuPlooy was winding way down, holding a lot, winging punches and lingering on the ropes. Snipes had taken DuPlooy's best and was still standing, much to the discouragement of the South African.

DuPlooy opened the seventh with a good uppercut, but fatigue reduced him to roughhousing tactics and the referee docked him a point. Twenty seconds after the point reduction and without being hit hard, DuPlooy was down on one knee in a neutral corner and the next thing you knew the fight was over.

Lou Duva did his obligatory grandstanding, claiming that DuPlooy was looking for his mouthpiece (which he'd spit out in his own corner earlier in the round when the referee halted the action), but facts are facts and DuPlooy (19-2-1) just waved it off, answering a truck full of questions about himself.

For Snipes (31-6-1), it was a gutsy win (and a reported purse of $70,000) that may put him in line for another title try.

In a co-featured bout, Chicagoan **Alfonzo Ratliff** won the vacant USBA cruiserweight crown over **Rickey Parkey,** Morristown, TN, in a battle of former cruiser kings.

Behind a brutal jab, the much taller Ratliff opened the bout aggressively. Landing occasional right hands to keep Parkey honest, Ratliff pushed Parkey around the ring and floored him in the fourth. Just when it looked like Ratliff might finish this man, the former WBC champ suffered a bad cut over his left eye. With renewed confidence, Parkey took the play away from a tentative Ratliff in Round Five. It was not until late in the sixth round, when Ratliff seemed confident that cutman Laury Meyer's handiwork was going to hold up, that he renewed his pursuit of Parkey. A hard right hand by Ratliff at the end of the sixth round was a signal of things to come.

Ratliff hurt Parkey (19-8) early in the seventh and sent him down with a chopping right. Parkey beat the count, but another series of right hands returned him to the canvas and the fight was over.

This was a huge victory for Ratliff (25-6) and almost guarantees him a shot at regaining his title, possibly against **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** in Africa. It was doubly sweet for "The Fonz," who was written off by guys like me when he suffered two European losses earlier this year and looked sluggish in his May victory over Craig Bodzianowski.

Union City, Indiana's Ric Enis avenged an earlier loss when he came on to stop Steve Mormino, Granite City, IL, at 2:53 of the eighth round. It was a rugged heavyweight contest from the start, with Mormino getting cut early in the bout. Just when late sub Enis (fighting in gym shoes) seemed to be running out of gas in the eighth, he landed a large right hand and a stunned Mormino staggered back to the ropes only to absorb another 15 punches before the referee stepped in to end the proceedings. Mormino had decisioned Enis in 1986.

Kronk's light heavyweight luminary **Michael Moorer** made it nine in a row with a second-round knockout of Jordan Keepers, Mississippi. It was to Keepers' credit that he lasted until 2:50 of the second. Moorer is as poised a fighter as I've seen at this point in a career. He's patient, persistent and deals out punishment.

Tim Tomashek, Whiting, IN, stopped Milwaukee's Morris Perry in the third round of their scheduled eight-round heavyweight bout. Tomashek is a hard-punching prospect who has been keeping busy and could make some waves in the near future.

Milwaukee's Gerald McClellan debuted in a middleweight contest, easily disposing of Roy Hunley, Milwaukee, in the first round.

In the walkout, Milwaukee veterans Danny Blake and James Wilder battled over four rounds, with Blake emerging as the winner on a split decision.

Attendance: 1,100 (est.).
(8-12-88)

JEFF CARLSON

MEXICO

CAMPECHE

▶**CAMPECHE**—Melchor "Baby" Cob decisioned Jose "Joe" Escalante in a 10-round flyweight match.
(6-7-88)

▶**CAMPECHE**—Melchor "Baby" Cob TKO'd Rosendo "Hielerito" Ake in three, flyweights.

Yucatan state junior flyweight champion Mario Alberto Ku KO'd Alfredo Xeque in three.

Juan Catzin and Raul Franco drew in eight, featherweights.

Bantamweight Froilan Barrera TKO'd "Pajarito" Cruz in four.

Ignacio Utiz KO'd Diego Martin in three, flyweights.
(7-15-88)

CHIAPAS

▶**TAPACHULA**—Mexican welterweight champion Sergio "Tapana" Arreola KO'd Emilio "Indio" Martinez in a non-title bout.
(6-10-88)

CHIHUAHUA

▶**JUAREZ**—Mexican bantamweight king Fernando "Fernie" Morales won a unanimous decision over Alberto "Hungaro" Martinez in 12 rounds to retain his title.

Aaron Delgado notched his 18th KO, stopping Dagoberto Quiroz in the second round of a flyweight bout.

Alberto Zepeda chilled "Kaliman" Perez in two, bantams.

Consentido Luevano decisioned Raul Sanchez in another bantamweight bout.

Featherweight Juan Ramon Perez polished off "Chiquilin" Hurtado in one.
(6-10-88)

▶**JUAREZ**—**German Torres** halted Ricardo "Pajarito" Mijares in the sixth round of a flyweight match.
(6-24-88)

▶**CHIHUAHUA**—Bonifacio "Boni" Flores KO'd Gustavo Dominguez in two, featherweights.
(7-1-88)

GUERRERO

▶**ACAPULCO**—Featherweight Bernardo Sandoval TKO'd Lauro "Curo" Rodriguez in eight.

Bantamweight Max Garcia flattened Reyes Avila in three.
(6-3-88)

▶**ACAPULCO**—Lightweight Fidel Trejo KO'd Beto Loya in six.
(7-1-88)

▶**ACAPULCO**—Rey Cisneros TKO'd Epifanio Herrera in five, featherweights.

Bantamweight Octavio "Sugar" Santos nailed Juan de la Cruz in eight.

Featherweight Marco A. Ludwing TKO'd Norberto Mejia in three.
(7-22-88)

▶**ACAPULCO**—Felipe "Tiburon" Rojas TKO'd David "Diablito" Cruz in 12 to win the vacant Guerrero state welterweight crown.

Lightweight Gustavo Viviano whipped Silvestro Mollado in 10.

Bantamweight Maximiliano Garcia TKO'd Angel Vargas in six.

Bantamweight Jose Alfredo Vierma polished off Jose Luis Hernandez in one.

Bantamweight Damaso Lopez decisioned Julian Pena.
(7-29-88)

FEDERAL DISTRICT

▶**MEXICO CITY**—In "The Carnival of Champions," Mexican junior flyweight champion **Humberto "Chiquita" Gonzalez** TKO'd Javier "Candelita I" Varquez in five to retain his crown.

Mexican junior welterweight king Rodolfo Batta also retained his title as he KO'd Federico Renteria in two.

A third champion, Mexican lightweight king Herminio Delgado, was also successful, stopping Hugo Espinosa in nine.

Featherweight Goyo Vargas stopped Felipe Villadares in two.

Featherweight Enrique Jupiter TKO'd Oswaldo Ramirez in one.
(6-4-88)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Featherweight Miguel Gonzalez won a 10-round decision over Francisco Laguna.

Lightweight Omar Flores TKO'd Gerardo Sanchez in two.

Lightweight Otilio Gallegos decisioned Francisco Rosas in eight.

Sergio Olvera decisioned Jose "Gato" Hernandez in a flyweight six.

Jorge Santos iced Arturo Ortiz in two.
(6-12-88)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Arena Naucalpan—Bantamweight Victor Manuel Rabanales won a unanimous, 10-round decision over Armando "Jaiba" Salazar.

Lightweight Victor Gamez TKO'd Luciano Solis in six.

Featherweight Juan Gerardo Cedillo KO'd Juan Carlos Gamez in four.

Bantamweight Javier Chavez decisioned Mario Garcia over four.
(6-18-88)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Arena Coliseo—Santiago Caballero of Venezuela won a unanimous, 10-round bantamweight decision over Antonio "Gato" Flores.

Unbeaten flyweight Fernando Martinez chilled Martin Perez in three.

Jose Luis Bueno TKO'd Martin Alvarez in five, bantamweights.

Raul Feregrino won by diqualification over Javier Sanchez in the fifth round of a lightweight bout.

Flyweights Javier Leon and Jose Sarabia drew in six.
(6-18-88)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Arena Coliseo—Heavyweight Ladislao Mijangos bombed Ariel Favela in two.

Lightweight Herminio Hernandez TKO'd "Cuco" Alvarado in four.

Lightweight Daniel Flores halted Martin Vargas in three.

Featherweight Raul Martinez Mora TKO'd Alejandro Reyes in five.

Juan Gonzalez TKO'd Arturo Delgado in two, featherweights.

Featherweight Miguel Caballero TKO'd Francisco Aviles in one.
(6-25-88)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Arena Coliseo—Featherweight Rafael "Gato" Toledo won by disqualification over Javier Pichardo in six.

Lightweight Jose Luis Bautista TKO'd Jose Luis Avila in five.

Bantamweight Luis Vera won by disqualification over Juan Ramirez in three.

Lightweight Octaviano Chantes TKO'd Felix Osorio in four.

Featherweight Gerardo Mejia KO'd Genaro Vasquez in three.

Bantamweight Jesus Galicia decisioned Alvaro Caballero in four.
(7-2-88)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Arena Coliseo—Hard-hitting Armando "Tontin" Velazco TKO'd Wilibaldo "Willy" Salazar in two to win the Mexican flyweight championship.

Rodolfo Batta TKO'd Felix Solano in two to retain his Mexican junior welterweight title.

Mauricio Villegas TKO'd Abraham Meneses in five to retain his Mexican heavyweight crown.

Cuauhtemoc Gomez, son of Octavio "Famoso" Gomez, chilled Sergio Olvera in one, flyweights.

Featherweight Goyo Vargas iced Fernando Cervantes in one.

Bantamweight Israel Hernandez TKO'd Lino "Kanazawa" Tellez in five.
(7-9-88)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Arena Coliseo—Valente Flores won a split decision over Ismael Benitez in 10, flyweights.

Welterweight Luis Francisco Perez TKO'd Jose Bernal, cousin of former WBC flyweight titleholder **Gabriel Bernal,** in four.

Featherweight Raul Martinez won a split decision over Baldo Arguelles in six.

Bantamweight Guillermo Torres TKO'd Armando Castro in one.
(7-16-88)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Arena Naucalpan—Former Olympian Octavio Robles KO'd Jose Valderrama in four, welterweights.

Victor Manuel "Borrego" Gomez whipped Serafin Isidro Pacheco in 10, bantamweights.

Featherweight Jose Diaz won a unanimous decision over Raul "Chivo" Torres in eight.

Alberto Jimenez TKO'd Javier Medina in three, bantamweights.

Featherweight Mario Ramirez defeated Javier Salinas in four.
(7-16-88)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Arena Coliseo—Diego Avila won a unanimous decision over Ramon Arreola in 10, bantamweights.

Featherweight Alejandro Morfin TKO'd Antonio Santos in three.

Javier Leon bested Francisco Rosas in eight, bantamweights.

Lightweight Jorge Gonzalez TKO'd Jesus Vargas in three.

Cuauhtemoc Gomez TKO'd Fortino Gonzalez in three, flyweights.

Lightweight Juan M. Aranda TKO'd Pablo Gonzalez in four.
(7-23-88)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Arena Coliseo—Emilio Santos TKO'd Eduardo "Lalo" Ramirez in five, flyweights.

Bantamweight Jose Vegagil TKO'd Roberto "Karateka" Rios in two.

Bantamweight Jorge Samano whipped Nicolas Reyes in 10.

Bantamweight Rafael Campos won a split decision over Jose Luis Menendez in six.

Lightweight Juan Ramirez won a unanimous decision over Agustin Jimenez in six.
(7-30-88)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Arena Naucalpan—Efrain "Brochas" Pinto, brother of **Lupe Pintor**, chilled Victor Peralta in the first round, bantams.

Lightweight Eduardo Cruz KO'd Raul Hernandez in two.

Leo Ortiz halted Ricardo Flores in two, flyweights.

Featherweight Geronimo de la Cruz whipped Jorge Romero.

Mario Carmona outpointed Ruben Barojas, featherweights.
(7-30-88)

MICHOACAN

▶**LAZARO CARDENAS**—Candelario "Changuito" Carmona KO'd Julio Pliego in six, bantams.
(6-11-88)

NORTH BAJA CALIFORNIA

▶**TIJUANA**—Isaias Zamudio TKO'd Javier Olvera in two, flyweights.
(5-9-88)

▶**MEXICALI**—Middleweight Roberto Rosiles iced Alex de Leon in one.

Bantamweight Oscar "Bitache" Aguilar won a 10-round decision over Jorge Roman, brother of **Gilberto Roman.**
(5-20-88)

▶**TIJUANA**—Former Mexican featherweight champion Rafael "Gato" Morfin whipped Mario Alberto Rodriguez in 10 rounds.
(6-27-88)

▶**MEXICALI**—Mexican featherweight champion Javier "Changa" Marquez won a unanimous decision over Mexican junior lightweight king Roger Arevalo in a 10-round non-title bout.

North Baja California state featherweight champion Raul Franco TKO'd Ignacio "Nacho" Madrid in seven of an over-the-weight bout.
(7-10-88)

▶**TIJUANA**—Former Mexican featherweight king Mauro "Betillo II" Gutierrez TKO'd Santos "Apache" Moreno in seven rounds.

Baby "Chispas" Valenzuela won a 10-round split decision over former Yucatan state bantam champion Carlos "Calin" Castro.

Welterweight Ruben Villaman TKO'd Ramon Felix in nine.
(7-11-88)

▶**TIJUANA**—Former WBA super middleweight challenger Jesus "Bebe" Gallardo TKO'd Francisco "Chango" Carballo in six to win the Mexican middleweight championship.

Genaro Leon destroyed former IBF lightweight titleholder **Charlie "Choo Choo" Brown** in two.

Javier Lucas TKO'd former WBA flyweight titleholder **Juan Herrera** in three.

Roberto Chavez, little brother of **Julio Cesar Chavez,** whipped Eliseo Rodriguez in a flyweight bout.

Bantamweight Rigoberto Isostobe decisioned Jose Fonseca.
(7-23-88)

SOUTH BAJA CALIFORNIA

▶**LA PAZ**—Isaias "Bestia" Lucero TKO'd Manuel Tre-

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vizu in seven rounds to retain his Mexican light heavyweight crown.

Roman Nunez TKO'd Alejandro Luna in four, middleweights.

Alberto "Cabeto" Alcaraz stopped Julian "Pato" Benitez in seven, welterweights.
(6-3-88)

▶**LA PAZ**—Mexican light heavyweight king Isaias "Bestia" Lucero KO'd veteran David "Maceton" Cabrera in seven to retain his crown.

Lightweight Javier Varela chilled Miguel Molina in four.
(7-15-88)

▶**LA PAZ**—Alberto "Cabeto" Alcaraz TKO'd Rodolfo Batta in six to win the Mexican junior welterweight title.

Herminio Delgado won a unanimous decision in 12 rounds over Jorge Gomez to retain his Mexican lightweight championship.
(7-29-88)

QUINTANA ROO

▶**COZUMEL**—Former Mexican junior flyweight champion Jorge Cano and Jorge "Estudiante" Rivera drew in 10.

Flyweight Jose "Joe" Escalante decisioned Manuel "Manny" Morales over 10.
(6-18-88)

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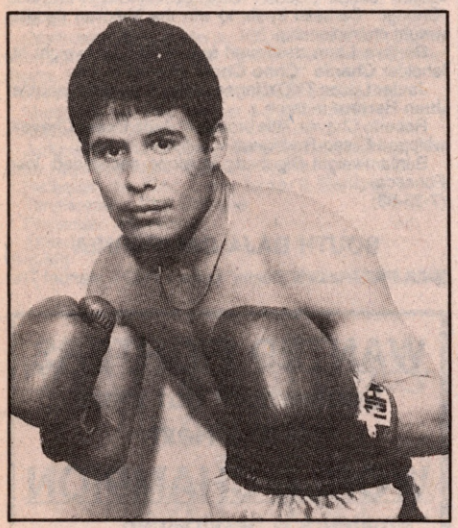

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▶**MAZATLAN**—WBA lightweight titleholder **Julio Cesar Chavez** TKO'd former WBC junior lightweight titleholder **Rafael "Bazooka" Limon** in the seventh round of a non-title fight.

Genaro Leon TKO'd Ramon "Chino" Cardenas in two, middleweights.

Jesus "Bebe" Gallardo chilled Eduardo "Lalo" Marquez in one, light heavyweights.

Lightweight Vincente Velazco halted Rogelio "Estudiante" Juarez in two.

Flyweight Jose Luis Velarde won a six-round decision over Roberto Chavez, brother of **Julio Cesar Chavez.**

Heavyweight Octavio "King Kong" Osuna chilled Benito "Finito" Otanez in one.

Middleweight Luis "Tyson" Vasquez bombed Jose Luis Garcia in one.

Flyweight Javier Lucas iced Ernesto Mata in one.
(6-4-88)

▶**MAZATLAN**—Bantamweight Pepillo Valdez won a unanimous, 10-round decision over Antonio "Tony" Escobar.

Featherweight Francisco Cossio Valdez KO'd Tono "Pato" Urena in five.
(6-17-88)

▶**LOS MOCHIS**—Bantamweight Raul Rios decisioned Rafael Morales in 10.

Bantam Raul Acosta KO'd Oscar "Bitache" Aguilar in six.

Juan Garcia nailed Manuel Soto in three, flyweights.

Featherweight Ramon Ramos decisioned Manuelillo Sanchez in 10.

Bantamweight Martin Bobadilla demolished Carlos Buelna in one.
(6-26-88)

▶**MAZATLAN**—Marco Antonio "Chino" Lizarraga bombed Sergio Hernandez in seven, lightweights.
(7-10-88)

▶**LOS MOCHIS**—Jose Felix Montiel won a split decision over Armando Castro in 12 to win the Mexican junior bantamweight title.
(7-10-88)

SONORA

▶**OBREGON**—Pedro Rabago won a unanimous decision over Arturo Mujica in a 10-round bantamweight contest.
(6-17-88)

▶**HERNOSILLO**—Jorge "Cocas" Ramirez flattened "Baby" Dempsey in three, lightweights.
(7-88)

▶**NOVOLATO**—WBC lightweight titleholder **Jose Luis Ramirez** boxed a two-round exhibition with Jesus Mora.

Lightweight Mike Espinoza KO'd Armando "Mambo" Reyes in two.

Featherweight Ramon Soto whipped Lupe Sainz.

Bantamweight Margarito Corona defeated Gerardo Aleman.
(7-15-88)

▶**OBREGON**—Jorge "Cocas" Ramirez won a split decision over Salvador Zamora in 10, lightweights.
(7-30-88)

▶**NAVOJOA**—Flyweight Francisco "Cochulito" Montiel beat Julio Cardona Jr. in 10.
(7-15-88)

VERACRUZ

▶**MINATITLAN**—Rey "Conejillo" Hernandez chilled Jose Luis Caballero in three, flyweights.

Goyo "Tucita" Campos stopped Mario "Flit" Perez in three, flyweights.

Unbeaten featherweight Vincente "Soldadito" Ramos flattened Angel "Negrito" Casanova in three.

▶**POZA RICA**—Lightweight Rogelio Velazco decisioned Emilio Silva Pastrana in 10.

Lightweight Sergio Perea decisioned "Chocolate" Navarro in 10.

Miguel Angel "Conderito" Juarez improved to 9-1 with a three-round KO of Sergio Reyes in a flyweight bout.
(6-24-88)

▶**MINATITLAN**—Zacatecas state welterweight titleholder Arturo "Chino" Lopez won a unanimous decision over Arturo "Popeye" Cornejo in 10.

Welterweight Alejandro Garcia beat Jesus "Chamaco" Lopez in 10.

Unbeaten welterweight Christie Lopez KO'd "Cupi" Gonzalez in seven.

Welterweight Tono "Negro" Reyes whipped "Chamaco" Hernandez in eight.
(7-2-88)

▶**MINATITLAN**—Peter Serrano whipped Jorge de Jesus in 10, featherweights.

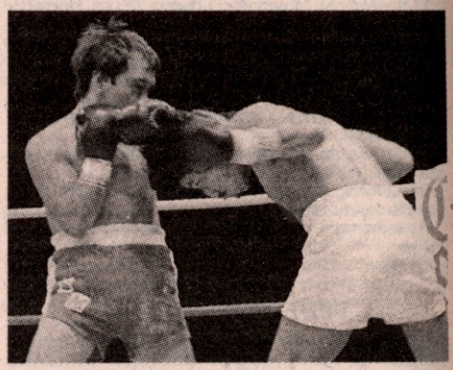
Bantamweight Tony "Carnicerito" Wilson chilled Fidel Martinez in six.

Flyweight Goyo "Tucita" Campos KO'd Angel Aquino in six.
(7-16-88)

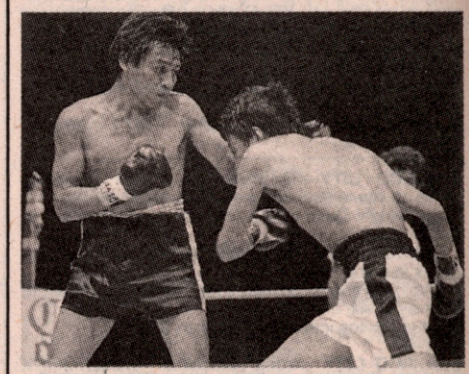
▶**VERACRUZ**—Jose "Beto" Cordoba won from Jaime "Tigre" Escobar in 12 rounds to win the Veracruz state lightweight championship.

Victor "Betillo" Ochoa won a split decision over Goyo "Tucita" Campos in 10, flyweights.
(7-27-88)

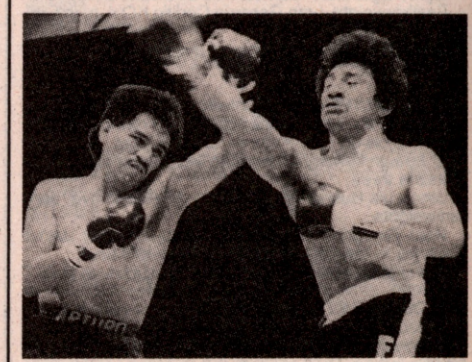
YUCATAN



Santiago Mendez (left) outpointed Javier "Guervo" Guerrero over 10 rounds in Merida.



Javier Alonso (left) decisioned Justo Zuniga in a flyweight 10-rounder.



Felipe "Hurricane" Gutierrez (right) mixes it up with Arturo "Tury" Gonzalez en route to a third-round TKO.

▶**MERIDA**—Santiago Mendez outpointed Javier "Guervo" Guerrero in a 10-round flyweight matchup.

Javier Alonso outscored Justo Zuniga in another flyweight 10.

Flyweight Rodrigo "Aviapa" Lopez chilled David Zapata in one.

Bantamweights Ernesto Matos and Luis Ruiz Lizarraga drew in six.

Flyweight Basilio Morales won a unanimous, four-

round decision over Hernan Cob.
(6-11-88)

▶**MERIDA**—Hard-hitting Felipe "Huracan" Gutierrez TKO'd veteran Arturo "Tury" Gonzalez in three, bantams.

Unbeaten lightweight Oscar Gallegos TKO'd Jose "Toro" Hernandez in two.

Unbeaten bantam Jose Juan Xool TKO'd Faustino "Rabanito" Martin in three.

Flyweight Alcibiades Gallegos whipped Rodrigo "Aviapa" Lopez in six.

Victor "Pulgarcito" Villanueva TKO'd Juan "Panterita" Gonzalez in one, flyweights.
(7-2-88)

▶**MERIDA**—Tony Hong won a unanimous decision over Francisco Garcia Ramon, "The Tiger of Cancun," in 10, flyweights.

Flyweight Manuel "Manny" Morales TKO'd Juan Diego Arjona in one.

Victor "Pulgarcito" Villanueva TKO'd Jose Martin in two, flyweights.

Bantamweight Jorge Chel TKO'd Tony Mendoza in three.

Bantamweight David Montalvo and Miguel Angel Colli drew in four.
(7-20-88)

JALISCO

▶**GUADALAJARA**—Bantamweight Felipe "Tequilita" Torres TKO'd Martin "Pajarito" Lopez in nine.
(7-22-88)

TAMAULIPAS

▶**NUEVO LAREDO**—Rodolfo "Cobra" Gomez iced Javier "Memin" Barcenas in one, lightweights.

Lightweight Tomas "Negro" Garcia TKO'd Rafael Gomez in six.

Bantamweight Rafael "Ranita" Gomez KO'd Eduardo Rodriguez in two.
(7-15-88)

▶**NOTES:** Former WBA flyweight titleholder **Juan Herrera** announced his retirement July 25.

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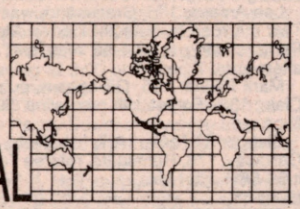

CENTRAL AMERICA

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

▶**PORT OF SPAIN**—Jean Pierre Sports Complex—Anthony Logan, 158½, Jamaica, lost his WBC Continental of Americas middleweight title to David Noel, junior middleweight champion of Trinidad and Tobago, 155½, on a 12-round decision.

Logan opened an old cut over Noel's left eye in the fifth, but Noel returned the compliment in the eighth with a right to the face that brought blood streaming down.

The verdict was unanimous, George St. Aude scoring 117-114, Vernon Rombley calling it 117-115 and Hollis Wilson seeing it 118-111. Melchior Taylor was the referee.

Ken Sharpe, 162½, won an eight-round decision over Winston Granger, 155½.

Alric Johnson, 126, won by TKO at 2:33 of the second of a scheduled six over Michael Ettiene, 125¾.

In another scheduled six, Anthony John Brown, 160, knocked out Derec Joseph, 159, in 2:50.

Harvey Huggins, 128½, won by split decision over Hamil Harrikssoon, 126, over four rounds.

In another four, Arnold Gooding, 197, won by TKO in the second over Andre Thomas, 199¾.

Promoter: Tansley Thompson.
Timekeepers: E. Young Jr. & B. Medford.
Announcer: Mervin Telfer.
Attendance: 1,200.
(9-2-88)

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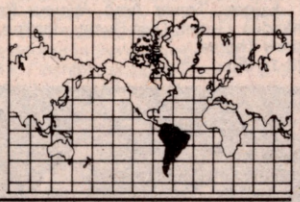

SOUTH AMERICA

BRAZIL

▶**BELEM**—Brazilian super bantamweight champion Daugisio Ribeiro drew over eight rounds with Waldevino Monteiro.
(8-6-88)

▶**SALVADOR**—Middleweight Reginaldo Santos stopped Leonel Ribeiro in seven rounds.
(8-12-88)

▶**LONDRINA—Adilson "Maguila" Rodrigues** knocked out Britain's Hughroy Currie in the eighth round of a heavyweight bout. The Brit was down twice before the knockout.

Jose "Rocky" da Silva won the vacant South American middleweight championship with a 12-round decision over Perfecto Bobadilla Galeano of Paraguay.

Sidnei Dal Rovere kept his South American featherweight championship, stopping Peru's Ernesto Quintana in the seventh round.

Bantamweight Roberto Santos won an eight-round decision over Carlos Leite.

Middleweight Genesio Trindade notched a six-round decision over Grasseis Silva.
(8-14-88)

▶**SAO PAULO**—Joao Cardoso, undefeated Brazilian bantamweight champion, stopped Paraguay's Guillerme Navarro in seven rounds.

Undefeated Brazilian welterweight champion **Helio Santana** stopped Argentina's Ricardo Espinosa in the third round.
(8-1-88)

▶**NOTES:** The Brazilian Association of boxing referees and judges (ABAB) was constituted June 4 in Sao Paulo.

KALED CURI

COLOMBIA

▶**BARRANQUILLA**—Tomas Suri Salcedo Basketball Stadium—**Francisco Tejedor,** 105½, won by split decision over Orlando "Lefty" Maestre, 107, in the 10-round main event.

Tejedor was down and cut in the right eyebrow in the second round. Maestre suffered a cut in his mouth in the ninth.

Judges Alberto Ferreira, 98-96, and Milton Mercado, 99-94, voted for Tejedor, but Carlos Maria leaned to Maestre, 99-98.

In a boring match, Jose Bermudez, 144½, kayoed visiting lefty Mateo Valdez, 142, with a phantom punch in the seventh round. Referee Luis Estrada took a point away from Bermudez for illegal blows in the previous round.

Pedro Padilla, 1387/10, KO'd lefty Libardo Barrios, 1371/10, in the eighth round of a scheduled 12 for the international junior welterweight championship as recognized by the IBF.

In a good preliminary bout, Juvenal Berrio, 1111/9, won a four-round, split decision over Ismael De Avila, 108.

In another split decision, lefty Abel Alarcon, 137½, outpointed Eduardo Molina, 132½, over four rounds. Alarcon finished with his left eye inflamed, and the fans protested the decision.

Edison Martinez, 1481/9, won over Tomas Diaz, 146, when referee Mercado stopped the scheduled four at 2:42 of the second.

Local prospect Jimmy Garcia, 123½, knocked out Rafael Canate, 1239/10, at 1:42 of the first of a scheduled four. The action was brief, but sensational, Garcia ending matters with a fast left-right combination.

Uriel Londono, 108, won a unanimous, six-round decision over Victor Tejedor, 1053/5. Tejedor kissed the canvas twice in the first round and a left hook put him down again in the third.

Genaro Manjarres, 106¼, outpointed Angel Escorcia, 106¼, in six rounds.

In the closer, Orlando Marimon, 132, won a six-round decision over Jose Rivera, also 132.

Referees & Judges: Alberto Ferreira, Carlos Maria, Milton Mercado, Francisco Hernandez, Rafael Lopez, Manuel Rodriguez, Luis Estrada & Carlos Hernandez.

Physicians: Manuel Baez, Heriberto Lopez & Jorge Samudio.

Timekeeper: Roberto Osorio.

Attendance: 1,800 (est.).
(8-5-88)

▶**CARTAGENA**—Cartagena de Indias Bull Ring — **Daniel Blanco** TKO'd former WBC super flyweight titleholder Rafael Orono in the ninth round of a dirty and irregular match.

Blanco butted the 30-year-old Orono, injuring the 30-year-old Venezuelan's forehead, but refereee Rafael Mendoza delared Blanco the winner.

Alberto Castro, former flyweight challenger from Colombia, stopped Venezuela's Manuel Sayago in the ninth round.

Colombia's Arcelio Diaz won a 10-round decision over Venezuela's Edgar Roman.

Wilson Fontalvo came back and decisioned Luis Miranda in a six-round featherweight contest.

Edgar Castro knocked out Pedro Perez in six rounds.

Adolfo Caballero KO'd Juan Cassiani in the second.

Attendance: 2,000 (est.).
(8-13-88)

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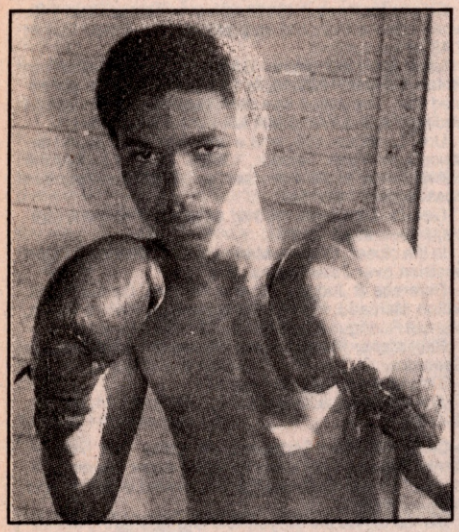

Raul Frank upset Barrington Cambridge over 10 thrilling rounds to raise his pro record to 10-0 with four KOs.

▶**GEORGETOWN**—National Park—Lightweight Raul Frank defied the odds and upset national junior welterweight and welterweight champion Barrington Cambridge in a thrilling 10-rounder.

It was an action-packed fight from the first bell to the last and there was little to choose between the two. Frank, gaining the most impressive victory in his short, unbeaten career, matched styles and punches with Cambridge and held his own throughout to gain the nod of two of the judges (98-94 and 95-94), while the other judge saw it for Cambridge, 96-95.

Frank now boasts a record of 10-0 with four KOs, while Cambridge dropped to 13-2-1 with nine KOs.

In the main support, national bantamweight champion Mike Parris, 124, gained a unanimous decision over game, but outclassed Wayne Smith, 129. Parris' speed and sporadic combinations had Smith at sea most of the contest as he upped his log to 13-1-0 with four KOs. Smith is 6-2 with one KO.

Conrad Hunte, 134, won a unanimous 10-round decision over game Gary Richardson, 132. Hunte floored his opponent on two occasions and caught him with several good left hooks, but could not put him away.

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Joseph Murray, 120, stopped Carlton Griffith, 122, in the first of a scheduled eight. Murray put on a superb display of accuracy and punching power to go 8-0 with six KOs.

Promoter: Tony C.J.'s Promotions.
Physicians: Max Hanoman & Lennox Jacobs.
Timekeeper: John Quail.
Announcer: Allan La Rose.
Referees: Humber Green, Harold Duncan, Bertrand Adams & Eion Jardine.
Judges: Trevor Arno, Wayne Bacon, Frank Fernandes, Green, Ulric Busby, Jardine, Duncan and Andrew Thorne.
(8-14-88)

Local hero Mike Benjamin celebrates his victory over Ernesto Espana for the WBC Continental Americas lightweight title in Georgetown, Guyana.

▶**GEORGETOWN**—National Park—National lightweight champion Mike Benjamin scored a convincing, unanimous 12-round decision over Ernesto Espana of Venezuela to win the WBC Continental Championship of the Americas lightweight title and the beautiful green and gold belt that goes with it.

The 34-year-old Espana, 133¾, showed amazing resilience along with the skill and punching power that once made him a WBA titleholder, but youth was on the side of the 22-year-old Benjamin, 134¾, whose speed, aggression and effective combos had the Venezuelan absorbing a terrific amount of punishment.

Espana fought on gamely to the end, but it was obvious Benjamin's heavy artillery was taking effect and the tiring Espana could only win by a KO.

Benjamin had promised a win to Hamilton Greene, Prime Minister and Minister responsible for sports, and he came through, winning by scores of 117-111, 119-111 and 119-110 to raise his record to 15-1 with 10 KOs.

In the main support, Colin Murray, 165, fighting in just his second fight, won an eight-round majority decision over former national light heavyweight champ Charles Crawford, who weighed 176.

Paul Allen, 135, had his second win in as many fights when he scored a unanimous four-round decision over debuting Cedric Morris, 135.

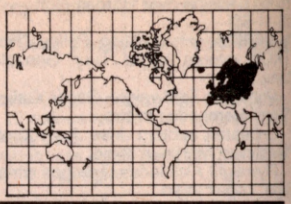
Junior Drakes, 118, won a unanimous four-round decision over Andrew Williams, 119.

Calvin John, 137, won a unanimous four-round decision over Andrew Williams, 119.

Eion Bancroft, 135, won a unanimous four-round decision over Allan Atherley, 135.

Promoter: Peoples Syndicate Promotions.
Timekeeper: John Quail.
Physicians: Max Hanoman & Lennox Jacobs.
Referees: Harry Croes, Bertrand Adams, Harold Duncan & Eion Jardine.
Judges: Reginald Curiel, George St. Aude, Trevor Arno, Ulric Busby, Duncan, Jardine, Frank Fernandes, Wayne Bacon & Andrew Thorne.
Attendance: 6,000.
(8-29-88)

WILL BOODHOO



EUROPE

UNITED KINGDOM

▶**ABERAVON**—Afan Lido—Local fighter **Floyd Havard,** became the new British super featherweight champion, stopping **Pat Cowdell,** at 0:21 of Round Eight in a scheduled 12. Referee Larry O'Connell intervened after Cowdell had been down. Cowdell looked comfortably in front, but in the final analysis couldn't concede 12 years to his younger opponent.

Paul Hodkinson, Kirkby, won the British featherweight title by stopping champion Peter Harris, Wales, referee O'Connell calling a halt at 1:03 of the 12th and final round after Harris had been down. He was also floored in Round 10.

Mike Chapman, 127, Llanelli, stopped Alan Roberts, 127½, referee Ivor Basset intervening in Round Five of a scheduled six twos after Roberts had been down and was bleeding from the nose.

Rocky Reynolds, 157, Swansea, outpointed Mark Hibbs, 158½, Caerphilly, referee Roddy Evans scoring it 60-57½ after six twos.

Adam Cook, 178½, outpointed Winston Burnett, 173, referee Basset casting it 59½-58½ after six.
(5-18-88)

▶**GILLINGHAM**—Black Lion Sports Centre—Ian John-Lewis, 150, Gillingham, stopped Tony Baker, 152, Herne Bay, referee Dave Parris intervening at 1:13 of the eighth and final round with Baker under pressure.

Lee Amass, 135, Gravesend, was decked in Round Two but rose to outpoint Darren Mount, 136, referee Parris scoring it 59½-58 after six. Nobbins came in afterwards.

Mark Pellatt, 135, Gillingham, outpointed Danny St. Clair, 138, Forest Hill, scoreline 59½-57½ after six twos.

Slugger O'Toole, 167, Sheffield, outpointed Chris Galloway, 176, Ramsgate, referee Tony Walker casting it 59-58½ after six.
(5-18-88)

▶**PORTSMOUTH**—Guildhall—Derrick Williams, 234, Battersea, returned after four months inactivity through injury to knock out American Mark Young, 225, who was counted out by referee Denzil Lewis at 2:44 of Round Four of a scheduled 10.

Steve McCarthy, 173, Southampton, stopped Mike Aubrey, 173, Benfleet, referee Lewis intervening at 2:41 of Round Four in a scheduled 10 after Aubrey had been down and had injured his right leg. This was an official eliminator for the Southern Area light heavyweight title.

Leigh Wicks, 154, Brighton, stopped Mark Howell, 155, Nottingham, referee Jack Snipe calling a halt in the eighth and final (two-min) round after Howell was cut by the right eye.

Chris Eubanks, 171, Brighton, made it 10 in a row by stopping Steve Aquilina, 174, Wolverhampton, referee Snipe intervening in Round Four of a scheduled six after Aquilina had been down.

Paul (brother of Steve) McCarthy, 165, Southampton, stopped Joe McKenzie, 165, Newport, referee Snipe intervening in Round Three of a scheduled six with McKenzie under pressure.

Danny Cooper, 145, Southampton, stopped Young Gully, 145, Birmingham, in Round Four of a scheduled six twos, referee Snipe calling a halt with Gully under pressure.
(5-18-88)

▶**LONDON**—National Sporting Club—Darren Dyer, 151½, stopped Mexican Thomas Garcia, 147¼, referee Mike Jacobs intervening at 1:59 of Round Two of a scheduled eight after Garcia had been down three times and was cut by the left eye.

Tony Borg, 141½, Cardiff, outpointed Brian Nickels, 140¾, Kilburn, referee Jacobs scoring 78½-78 after eight twos.

Steve West, 155¾, Fulham, stopped Geoff Calder, 149, Kidderminster, referee Tony Walker calling a halt at 0:49 of Round Four in a scheduled six twos after Calder had been down three times.

Paul Smedzoy, 132, Sheffield, outpointed Richard Dimmock, 133, Workington, referee Walker casting it 59-58½ after six twos.

Davey Hughes, Sheffield, outpointed Gary Dyson, 156½, Penge, referee Walker's card showing 40-38½ after four twos.
(5-16-88)

▶**BRADFORD**—Yorshire Executive Sporting Club—Tony Foster, 133, Hull, beat Harry Escott, Sunderland, referee Mickey Vann intervening at 1:05 of the sixth and final round when Foster was cut by the left eye.

Steve Pike, 131, Peterborough, beat Steve Winstanley, 132, Chorley, referee Phil Cowsill calling a halt at 1:41 of Round Two when Winstanley was cut by the right eye.

Nobbins came in after Maurice Thomas, 173½, Bradford, behind on points, rallied to stop Tony Lawrence, 170, Kings Lynn, referee Vann intervening at 1:10 of Round Six after Lawrence had been down twice.

Dave Kettlewell, 145, Leeds, stopped Robert Newbiggin, 146, Southport, referee Cowsill calling a halt at 1:42 of Round Three of a scheduled six after Newbiggin had been down twice.

Steve Garber, Bradford, confirmed a previous victory by kayoing Ted Shaw, 231, Northwich, at 1:42 of Round Three after previously flooring him.
(5-23-88)

▶**LONDON**—National Sporting Club—Ivan Joseph, 210, Hackney, stopped Barry Ellis, 214, referee Larry O'Connell intervening at 2:45 of Round Five in a scheduled eight with Ellis under pressure.

Slugger O'Toole, 165, Sheffield, stopped Sean Heron, 165, Edinburgh, referee O'Connell calling a halt at 1:00 of Round Four in a scheduled six after Heron had been down in Round Two and was under pressure.

Phil Lashley, 130, Birmingham, stopped Roy Williams, 128, Merthyr, referee Nick White calling a halt at 1:57 of Round Two in a scheduled six twos after Williams had been floored.

John Ellis, 165, Bethnal Green, drew with Tony Behan, 165, Birmingham, over six twos.
(5-23-88)

▶**LONDON**—Lewisham Theatre—Sylvester Mittee, 151½, Hackney, former British and Commonwealth welterweight champion, returned after over a year's inactivity to stop Rob Thomas, 152½, Gloucester, referee Sid Nathan intervening at 2:00 of Round Two of eight with Thomas under pressure.

Chubby Martin, 137, stopped Rudi Valentino, 136½, Plumstead, referee Paddy Sower intervening after 0:20 of Round Five in a scheduled eight twos after Rudi had been down.

Steve Pollard, 132½, Hull, outpointed John Bennie, 133, Kilmarnock, by 79-78½ after eight twos. Triallist referee John Phillips controlled the bout, with referee Sower scoring from outside. Pollard was down briefly in the final round and was cut by both eyes.

Nobbins came in after Matthew Jennings, 158, Dartford, had outpointed Max Wallace, 154½, by 59-58½ over six twos. The officials were again Phillips and Sower.

Richard Adams, 140, outpointed Mark Purcell, 144, Gloucester, referee Sower casting it 40-39 after four.
(5-18-88)

▶**LONDON**—Royal Albert Hall—**Nigel Benn**, 160½, West Ham, gained yet another quick victory, stopping American Tim Williams, 159½, referee Sid Nathan calling a halt at 0:59 of Round Two in a scheduled 10 after Williams had been down. Eighteen fights, 18 wins, all inside schedule.

European cruiserweight champion Sammy Reeson, 201½, stopped American Eric Williams, 198½, referee Ritchie Davies intervening after Williams had been knocked through the ropes in Round Eight of a scheduled 10.

Inactive for seven months, Chris Pyatt, 156, Leicester, stopped Mexican Jose Duarte, 158½, referee Davies intervening at 2:09 of Round Four of a scheduled 10 with Duarte under pressure.

Commonwealth lightweight champion Mo Hussein, 137, stopped Mexican Carlos Linares, 131, referee Nathan intervening after 2:46 of Round One in a scheduled eight with the Mexican completely outclassed.

Tony Collins, 154½, Camberley, was decked in Round Two but rose to stop Chris Richards, 156, Nottingham, referee Nick White calling a halt at 2:20 of Round Three in a scheduled six after Richards had been floored by a left hook.

Richard Bustin, 170, Great Yarmouth, outpointed Winston Burnett, 172, Cardiff, referee White casting it 59½-58½ after six.

Martin Smith, 143½, Old Kent Road, outpointed Oliver Henry, 143, Wisbech, referee White scoring it 60-57 after six.
(5-28-88)

▶**LONDON**—York Hall—Frenchman Belaid Khaldi, 135¾, stopped Mark Reefer, 134½, Bethnal Green, referee Sid Nathan intervening after Reefer had been down three times, not bothering to take up the count on the final occasion in order to allow the rinside doctor to attend to Reefer. Mark had started off like a house afire, flooring his opponent in the opening round.

Steve Griffith, 139, Finchley, stopped Frankie Lane, 140, Plymouth, who was retired from his corner at the end of Round Four in a scheduled six. Referee Reg Thompson.

John Williams, 187, Tottenham, outpointed Gerry Storey, 182, referee Thompson scoring it 60-57½ after six twos.

Jess Harding, 218, Potters Bar, outpointed Welsh heavyweight champion Chris Jacobs, 215, referee Nathan casting it 80-77 after eight.

Glen Dainty, 121, Canvey Island, stopped Ronnie Stevenson, 118 Doncaster, referee Thompson intervening at 1:52 of the sixth and final (two min) round after Stephenson had been down twice.

Con Cronin, 140¼, Watford, outpointed Steve Taggart, 140, Birmingham, referee Thompson scoring it 59-58½ after six twos.
(5-26-88)

▶**HASTINGS**—Fallaise Hall—Leigh Wicks, 159, Brighton, drew with Newton Barnett, 155½, London, over eight. Referee Ritchie Davies.

Jimmy McDonagh, 159. Hastings, beat Manny Romain, 154½, Scotland, who was retired at the end of Round Four with an injured back.

Johnny Uphill, 177, Hastings, outpointed Benny Simmonds, 174, Great Yarmouth, referee Davies casting it 59½-58 after six.
(5-25-88)

▶**LEICESTER**—Belgrave Working Mens Club—Darren McKenna, Alfreton, 172, stopped Mark Watts, 169½, referee John Keane calling a halt in Round Two of a scheduled eight twos with Watts under pressure.

Dave Maxwell, 163¾, Leicester, outpointed Mick Murray, Doncaster, 156, over six twos.

Les Remikie, 138¾, Leicester, took referee Larry Thompson's points verdict over Dave Kettlewell, 140, over six rounds.

Tony Foster, 133, Hull, outpointed Warren Slaney, 137, Leicester, over six twos. Referee John Keane.
(5-17-88)

▶**LONDON**—Hilton Hotel—Commonwealth welterweight champion Gary Jacobs, 149, stopped Mexican Juan Alonzo Villa, 147, referee Sid Nathan intervening at 2:56 of Round Five in a scheduled 10 with Villa cut by the left eye and under pressure.

Johnny Nelson, 189, Sheffield, kayoed Lennie Howard, 184, Chelmsford, who was counted out by referee Nathan at 1:04 of Round Two in a scheduled six.

Bill Cawley, 119, Birmingham, outpointed Richie Dimmock, 130, Wokingham, referee Paddy Sower scoring it 59-58 over six twos.

Glyn Mitchell, 147, Plymouth, drew with Gary Dyson, 154, Acton, over six twos. Referee Sower.
(6-6-88)

▶**NORTHAMPTON**—Jack Solomons Sporting Club—Welsh super featherweight champion Russell Jones, 130¼, narrowly outpointed the previously unbeaten Tim Driscoll, 128, the Southern Area featherweight champion, referee John Keane casting it 78½-78 after eight.

Kevin Hayde, 150¼, Cardiff, kayoed Graeme Griffin, 150, Corby, at 1:18 of Round One in a scheduled six twos. Referee Larry Thompson.

Michael Oliver, Wales, 138, outpointed the hitherto unbeaten Dave Pierre, 138, Peterborough, referee Thompson scoring it 59½-58 after six twos.

In a match of debutants, Darren Weller, 124, outpointed Gary Hickman, 123, Sunderland, referee Keane scoring it 39½-38 after four twos.
(6-6-88)

▶**GLASGOW**—Edmiston Club—Pat Barrett, 141½, Manchester, stopped Dave McCabe, 147¼, Glasgow, referee Len Mullen intervening at 1:17 of Round Two of a scheduled eight after McCabe had been down three times.

Surviving an eye injury, Jeff Decker, 142, Whitley Bay, stopped Mick Mason, 139½, Durham, referee Billy Rafferty calling a halt at 1:26 of Round Seven in a scheduled eight twos after Mason had been floored twice.

Debutant Paul Dolan, 150¾, Glasgow, kayoed Skip Jackson, 150, Leeds, who was counted out by referee Len Mullen at 1:55 of Round Two in a six twos.

Another debutant, Martin Campbell, 140½, Wishaw, stopped Mark Johnson, 144, Leeds, referee Rafferty calling a halt at 0:51 of Round Four in a scheduled six twos after Johnson had been down three times.

Gordon Shaw, 115, Glasgow, outpointed Tony Smith, 116, Burnley, referee Rafferty casting it 60-58 after six. Their fourth meeting, score 3-1 to Shaw.
(6-8-88)

▶**GATESHEAD**—Stormont Main Club—Manny Burgo, Newcastle, 202, made it four in a row by stopping Tony Hallett, Gateshead, 215, referee Arnold Bryson intervening at 2:49 of Round Three in a scheduled six with Hallett under pressure.

Jon Fairbairn, 188, Blyth, outpointed Joe Threlfall, 190, referee Fred Potter, scoring it 59½-59 after six.

Tony Smith, 119, Burnley, stopped Mark Priestley, 119, Conisborough, referee Bryson calling a halt at 1:38 of the sixth and final (two min) round with debutant Priestley under pressure and having gone down briefly.

Paul Charters, 136, Newcastle, stopped debutant Darren Jackson, 140, Newcastle, referee Potter intervening at 1:55 of the sixth and final (two min) round with Jackson under pressure.
(6-18-88)

▶**SHEFFIELD**—City Hall—**Herol Graham,** Sheffield, 160, won the vacant British middleweight title by stopping James Cook, Peckham, 159½, referee Sid Nathan intervening after Cook had been down as the bell ended Round Five of a scheduled 12.

It was a confusing ending. The count had reached five when the bell rang to end the round and continued as per the rules. Cook was up at eight, yet the result was announced as a "countout."

Cook was down in the first round and was plucky enough, but Graham was too skillful for him.

It was a memorable night for **Sid Nathan**, too. He was refereeing his last title fight before his retirement because of the age-limit rule.

Andy Holligan, 143, Liverpool, stopped David Maw, 141½, Sunderland, referee Nathan not bothering to take up the count after Maw had been down three times. Time 45 seconds of Round One in a six.

Eamonn Loughran, 149, Ballymena, stopped Tony Britland, 150, Cardiff, referee Phil Cowsill calling a halt at 1:20 of Round One in a scheduled six twos after Britland had been floored.

Dave Lawrence, 182, Norwich, outpointed Winston Burnett, 174, Cardiff, referee Ron Hackett scoring it 59-58½ after six twos. Burnett was a substitute and looked unlucky not to get at least a share.

Debutant Nigel Wenton, 132½, Liverpool, stopped Steve Taggart, 133, Birmingham, referee Cowsill intervening at 0:47 of Round Two in a scheduled six twos after Taggart had been down.

Nigel Broadley, 138, Sheffield, outpointed Mike Russell, 138, Plymouth, referee Hackett awarding Broadley the verdict after six twos.
(6-8-88)

▶**GLASGOW**—St. Andrews Sporting Club—Ronnie Carroll, 120, Glasgow, outpointed Rocky Lawlor, 121, Birmingham, referee Billy Rafferty scoring it 79-78½ after eight.

George Jones, 136, Telford, outpointed George Balgrie, 137, referee Len Mullen casting it 79½-77½ after eight.

Joe Mullen, 120, Irvine, kept his unbeaten record by outpointing Des Gargano, 121, referee Mullen scoring it 60-58 after six twos.

Jim Kelly, 147¼, Wishaw, outpointed Seamus Casey, 152¾, Alfreton, referee Rafferty's card showing 59½-58½ after six twos.
(6-13-88)

▶**MANCHESTER**—Anglo American Sporting Club—Mark Kelly, 137¾, outpointed Brian Cullen, Dublin, 138, referee Brian Hogg scoring it 79-77 after eight.

Spencer Alton, 155½, Derby, outpointed Ian Midwood-Tate, 154½, Bradford, referee Hogg casting it 59-58½ over six twos, but the decision did not meet with universal approval. It was Alton's debut.

Keith Halliwell, 163, Preston, outpointed Dave Mowbray, 162, referee Phill Cowsill scoring it 60-59½ after six twos.

Michael Armstrong, 128, Manchester, outpointed Tony Heath, 127¾, Leicester, referee Cowsill casting it 59½-58 after six twos.
(6-13-88)

▶**CROYDON**—Fairfield Hall—Chris Blake, Croydon, 147, beat Paul Seddon, Bedworth, who was retired by manager Wally Swift at the end of Round Six because of a cut by the right eye. Referee Larry O'Connell.

All-Ireland super featherweight champion Pat Doherty, Croydon, 130, stopped Craig Windsor, 128, the

Scottish champion, referee O'Connell intervening at 0:25 of Round Three in a scheduled eight after Windsor had been down three times.

Dean Bramhald, 143, Doncaster, outpointed Mark Dinnadge, 142, Eltham, referee Tony Walker scoring it 79-77½ after eight twos.

Kid Sulaila, Ghana, stopped Steve Pike, 131½, Peterborough, referee Walker calling a halt at 0:10 of Round Three after Pike had been floored twice.

David Pierre, 139, Peterborough, outpointed debutant Michael Driscoll, Portsmouth, referee Walker casting it 59-58½ after six twos.

(6-16-88)

▶**EDGBASTON**—Tower Ballroom—Former British welter champion Kostas Petrou, 148, outpointed Welshman Kelvin Mortimer, 148, who was a substitute, referee Jim Pridding scoring it 79½-78 after eight.

Hugh Ford, 128, Birmingham, made it 13 in a row by stopping Gary Maxwell, 129½, Sheffield, referee Pridding calling a halt at 2:29 of Round Two in a scheduled 10 after Maxwell had been down three times. This was for the newly inaugurated Midlands Area super featherweight title and confirmed a previous win for Ford.

John Smith, 144½, Liverpool, stopped Gary Somerville, 146¾, Birmingham, referee Terry O'Connor intervening in Round Five of a scheduled eight when Somerville sustained an eye injury.

Derek Amory, 127½, Birmingham, beat John Hyland, 124, Liverpool, referee O'Connor intervening at 2:47 of Round Three in a scheduled six after a clash of heads in which Hyland sustained an eye injury that needed 16 stitches.

John Foreman, 169, Birmingham, stopped Gus Menzies, 179, referee Pridding calling a halt at 1:50 of Round Five in a scheduled six twos after Menzies had been down three times.

Debutant Jim Lawlor, 140, drew with Michael Oliver, 139, over six twos. Referee O'Connor.

(6-17-88)

▶**DUDLEY**—Town Hall—Peter Till, Bloxwich, won the Midlands Area lightweight title by outpointing Ray Newby, Nottingham, referee John Coyle scoring it 99½-96 over 10.

Dave George, Swansea featherweight, outpointed Shane Silvester, West Bromwich, scoreline 79-77½ after eight twos.

Lightweight Shaun Cooper, Dudley, outpointed Con Cronin, Watford, referee Jim Pridding casting it 60-58 over six twos.

Robert Wright, Dudley light welter, stopped Joff Pugh, Torquay, referee Pridding intervening in Round Five of a scheduled six twos.

Wayne Timmins, Dudley lightweight, outpointed Ricky Maxwell, Dudley, referee Pridding casting it 60-58 after six twos.

(6-14-88)

▶**LUTON**—Town Football Ground—**Barry McGuigan**, former world featherweight champion, stopped Brazilian Francisco Tomas Da Cruz, referee Larry O'Connell intervening at 1:43 of Round Four in a scheduled 12 with Cruz under extreme pressure.

It was an impressive performance in this open-air fight which attracted some 12,000 fans. McGuigan weighed 130 and Cruz 129¾.

George Collins, 148¾, made it 33 in a row by stopping Canadian Jaime Ollenberger, 147½, referee Dave Parris calling a halt at 2:13 of the sixth and final round with the Canadian under pressure.

Andy Straughn, 193, former British cruiserweight champion, outpointed Welsh heavyweight champion Andy Gerrard, 210, referee O'Connell scoring 59½-58½ over six.

Tony (brother of George) Collins, 156½, Camberley, outpointed African Franki Moro, 156, referee Tony Walker casting it 60-57½ after six threes. Moro was down in the final round. It was Tony's 13th win in a row.

Referee Walker's decision was "No Contest" in Round Five in a contest between Damien Denny, 149½, and Martin Smith, 147, Tottenham, after warnings for "persistent holding." Denny had previously won seven in succession, but didn't look too happy in this one.

Debutant Wayne Ellis, 158, Cardiff, outpointed Seamus Casey, 158, Alfreton, referee Parris scoring it 60-57 after six.

(6-25-88)

▶**BIRMINGHAM**—Arden Sporting Club—Terry Magee, 157, Belfast, came in as a late sub to outpoint Tony Britton, 156, Lewisham, referee Paul Thomas scoring 60-58 after six.

Jimmy Vincent, 132, Birmingham, made it eight wins in nine fights by outpointing Dean Dickenson, 132, Alfreton. Referee Thomas.

Alfonso Forbes, 191, having his first bout in over two years, Birmingham, beat Chris Little, 196, Stockport, referee Brian Arnott intervening in the sixth and final (two-min) round when Little, also making a return after over a year and a half's inactivity, sustained an eye injury.

Debutant Andrew Robinson, 131, Birmingham, drew with Darrell Pettit, 128, Derby, over six twos. Referee Arnott.

(6-14-88)

▶**BASILDON**—Festival Hall—Jess Harding, 218, Potters Bar, beat John Westgarth, 221½, who retired at the end of Round Five after being floored. Referee Paddy Sower.

Paul Charters, 138½, Newcastle, outpointed Stephen Griffith, 137, Finchley, over eight.

Graham O'Malley, 118¾, Middlesbrough, kayoed Glen Dainty, 119, Canvey Island, in Round Two of a scheduled eight.

Joey Joynson, Liverpool, outpointed Steve Hogg, 145, Liverpool, over eight. Joynson had been inactive for over a year.

Dean Barclay, 154, Enfield, outpointed Ken Foreman, 151½, Hartlepool, over six by 60-57½.

(6-29-88)

▶**EASTBOURNE PIER**—Roxy Nightclub—Jim McDonagh, 154, Hastings, outpointed Eddie Collins, 157, Peterborough, referee Roy Francis scoring it 79-77½ over eight.

Michael Oliver, 143, Hengoed, stopped debutant Gary Baker, 141, Brighton, referee Francis intervening at 1:33 of Round Two after Baker had been down.

Spencer Alton, 154, Derby, was outpointed by Lou Ayres, 159, Streatham, referee Jack Snipe scoring it 59½-58½ after six twos.

Michael Driscoll, 138, Portsmouth, outpointed David Bacon, 143, Alfreton, referee Snipe casting it 59½-58 after six twos.

Nicky Lucas, 127, Waltham Cross, stopped Darren Weller, 126, Cardiff, referee Snipe calling a halt at 0:20 of Round Four in a scheduled six twos with Weller under pressure and cut by the right eye.

(7-10-88)

▶**LONDON**—Porter Tun Rooms, Barbican—Highlight was the appearance of **Roberto Duran,** who boxed six exhibition rounds with Michael Harris and another six with Errol Christie. He had a great reception in his first British visit.

Winston Wray, 156½, Blackfriars, kayoed Matthew Jennings, 154½, Dartford, who was counted out by referee Larry O'Connell at 1:04 of Round Three in a scheduled six twos.

Wayne Weekes, 133, Forest Hill, outpointed Kid Sumaila, Ghana, 135, referee Thompson scoring it 60-57½ after six.

Carl Perry, 124, Swansea, outpointed John Knight, 126, Bristol, referee Thompson casting it 60-58 after six twos. Knight was down twice.

(7-13-88)

▶**MANCHESTER**—Trade Hall—Gerry McBride, 124, Manchester, outpointed Nigel Crook, 123¾, referee Harry Warner scoring it 59-58½ after six.

Humphrey Harrison, 145, Manchester, kept his unbeaten record by outpointing Davey Hughes, 146, Ireland, referee Warner scoring it 79-77 after eight twos. Hughes was floored twice.

Oliver Harrison, 137, Manchester, stopped Dean Eshelby, 138, referee Warner intervening in Round Two of a scheduled six twos after Eshelby had been down twice.

Debutant Karl Thompson, 180, Manchester, stopped Darren McKenna, 177, Sheffield, referee Phil Cowsill intervening in Round Two of a scheduled six twos with McKenna under pressure.

Des Gargano, 126, Manchester, outpointed Darrell Pettit, 128, Birmingham, referee Cowsill casting it 59½-59 after six twos.

In a clash of debutants Mick Mulchay, 135, Heywood, stopped Nick Langley, 134, Stockport, referee Cowsill intervening in Round Three of a scheduled six twos after Langley had been down.

Phil Nurse, 137, Manchester, stopped debutant Finn McCool, 134, Leeds, in Round Two of a scheduled six twos.

(6-6-88)

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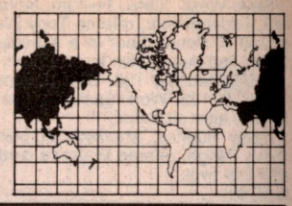

THE ORIENT

INDONESIA

▶**JAKARTA**—Indonesian junior bantamweight champion Jossy Amnifu barely kept his title as he drew with Oky Petrus in 12.

Azadin Anhar, the Indonesian Commission's top junior flyweight contender, stopped Taufix Baty in the eighth session of a scheduled 10.

Aspad Pattipelohy, the IBC's #3 featherweight, was held to a draw by Filipino Pat Bracero in the first 10.

Promoter: Anton Sihotang.

(6-26-88)

▶**MOJOKERTO**—Ponidi, the IBC's #6 junior flyweight, 108¼, chalked up a TKO win over Daud Sanusi, also 108¼, in the fourth round of a scheduled eight.

Gim Suryaman, 114½, stopped John Ireng, 105, thanks to their difference of weight in the fourth round of a scheduled eight.

Noor, 125½, was also a TKO winner over Charles, 123¾, in the fifth session of the first eight.

Promoter: Kabag. Kesra Kodya Mojokerto.

(6-23-88)

▶**SURABAYA**—Atom Discotique—Michael Arthur, the Indonesian Commission's #4 flyweight, 116, won a unanimous nod over Sukardi, 118, in eight.

John Arief, the national mini-flyweight champ, 107, decisioned Ipong Suwarno, 110¾, in six.

Hudi, the IBC's top mini-flyweight contender, 109½, outpointed John Ireng, 109¾, in eight.

Ex-Indonesian champ Juhari, 109½, drew with Daud Sanusi, 107, in six.

Promoter: Ingger George Kailola.

(6-27-88)

▶**JAKARTA**—Perseja Menteng Stadium—Nurhuda, the WBC's international super bantamweight champ, kept his junior title via a split decision over Filipino challenger Boy Granciosa in 12. Scoring: Hakim Anek (Thailand) 116-113, Nurhuda; Philiphus (Indonesia) 120-113, Nurhuda; and Sementara Abayuza (Philippines) 117-113, Granciosa. It was a close fight, and the defending champ fought hard to take the last three rounds. It carried him to a close triumph. Nurhuda is 16-3-2 with no kayos. The Filipino is 21-3-2.

After John Arief gave up his national mini-flyweight title, Nico Thomas seized the vacant throne by taking a unanimous nod over Hudi in a 12-round eliminator.

Little Holmes, Indonesian junior featherweight champ, beat Filipino Hilbert Aragon on points in 10.

Kace Tomasoa, the IBC's #8 bantie, was a unanimous victor over Sambung in 10.

Nana Suhana won from Husni Ray in eight.

Yudi Priyanto decisioned Tubiyas in a junior bantam eight.

Promoter: Yorris Raweyai.

(7-7-88)

▶**PONOROGO**—Batero Katong Stadium—Suwarno Perico, Indonesian #2 junior welterweight, 142¼, displayed a seventh-round stoppage of Linus Aron, 145¼, in a scheduled 10.

Little Puno, the IBC's third-ranked flyweight, 115½, was a kayo winner over Sulasamanto, 115¼, in the semifinal 10.

Adam Suwadji, 127¼, disposed of Eddy Sadaka, 129¾, in the third session of a scheduled eight.

Pong Suwarno, 111, unanimously decisioned Susanto, also 111, in six.

Promoter: P. Setijadi Laksono.

(7-9-88)

▶**SURABAYA**—Delta Palace Restaurant—John Arief, an Indonesian prospect, 104½, caught Thai Asawin Sordusit, 104¼, and stopped him in the 12th and final round to gain the WBC international strawweight title. The junior throne had been vacated by Thai Napa Kiat-

wanchai, who fought to a controversial draw with the WBC world champ Hiroki Ioka in Japan June 5. Napa is promised a rematch with Ioka, so he relinquished the minor crown to concentrate on his preparations.

In the semifinal 10, Udiyama, the IBC's top middleweight contender, 158, easily knocked out Pakistani M. Iqbal, 156½, in the fourth session.

Noce Lukman, Indonesian featherweight champ, 121½, took a unanimous nod over Ryantoha, 122¾, in a non-title eight.

Pulo Sugar Ray, the IBC's top junior lightweight contender, 134¾, outpointed Supriyadi, 131½, in eight.

Robby Rahangmetan, 122½, amazed the crowd with his quick demolition of Yance Mandagi, 125, in the opening canto of a scheduled eight.

Azadin Anhar, the IBC's top junior flyweight contender, 110¾, decisioned Mulya Cana, 111¼, in eight.

Promoter: Tinton Soeprapto.

(7-15-88)

▶**MEDIUM**—Wilis Stadium—Busy campaigner Suwarno Perico, 141¼, appeared less than a month after his previous showing and earned a unanimous verdict over John Breces, 140, in 10.

Supriyadi, 131¾, won from Sambung, 128¼, in 10.

Herry Ariar, the IBC's #8 lightweight, 134½, unanimously outscored Chasimeros, 135, in 10.

Yudith Kurniawan, 118, knocked out Anang Setiawan, 117¾, in the fourth session of a scheduled eight.

Santos Tengaraja, 112¾, outscored Yani L., 114¾, in six.

Kid Samora, 116¾, decisioned Suwaji Tirta, also 116¾, in six.

Promoter: P. Setijadi Laksono.

(8-6-88)

JOE KOIZUMI, P. SETIJADI LAKSONO & ABBAS PRABOWO

JAPAN

▶**TOKYO**—Korakuen Hall—After Tadashi Shimabukuro's relinquishment, an eliminator took place to decide a new Japanese bantamweight champion.

Koheita Tanaka, a heavy underdog, 118, showed his very tricky style to confuse Crasher Miura, also 118, so tremendously that he pounded out an upset, lopsided decision in 10 rounds. Miura, the JBC's top contender, had scored five kayoes in a row and was a prohibitive favorite despite his previous loss to Tanaka.

Koheita, a shorter switch-hitter, befuddled the hard puncher with his positive infighting, taking the pace. He dropped Miura with a barrage of punches in Round Seven and downed him to the ropes again in the ninth session. Miura obviously ran out of gas in the later rounds.

Scoring: referee Uchida 96-93, judges Morita and Ugo 97-92 and 98-92, respectively, all for the newly crowned Tanaka. The upset victor is 11-6-2 with five kayoes. Miura, a year his senior at 24, fell to 12-4 with 10 knockouts.

The managers of the contestants had agreed to share the purses by nine to one, so Tanaka pocketed $6,750 (90%) to $750 (10%) for Miura out of the total $7,500.

Six rounders: The A-Class Prize tourney was fought by the Japanese Commission's ranked contenders in abbreviated sixers instead of their usual 10-rounders.

Osamu Sasaki, the JBC's third-ranked junior flyweight, 112, showed a come-from-behind kayo over a glass-jawed lefty named Norikazu Kawana, also 112, at 1:17 of the fourth round. Sasaki, a lanky simon pure, is 11-1 with five kayoes.

Ex-Japanese bantamweight champ Mitsuo Imazato, 122, lost on a TKO to Keiichi Ozaki, also 122, at 0:55 into the fourth session. Imazato's bleeding worsened, and referee Ken Morita declared a stoppage. Imazato dropped to 22-13-1 with 12 kayoes. Ozaki is 13-12 — with just a knockout.

Takao Sakuma, a rugged puncher, 130, unanimously decisioned Kimio Saotome, 128½, in six.

Lancer Nakamura, 122, was awarded a close verdict over Eiji Yakushiji, also 122, in six.

Toshio Aikawa, the JBC's #5 flyweight, 112, knocked out Tomoki Morikawa, 112, at 2:47 of the second session.

Promoters: Kokusai & Shinwa Kawakami Promotions.

(7-11-88)

▶**SAPPORO**—Nakajima Sports Center—Japanese featherweight champ **Mitsuru Sugiya**, 125¼, floored Minoru Mitsui, also 125¼, on six occasions and disposed of him at 2:01 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. It was Sugiya's fourth defense since regaining the national title in the previous year.

Sugiya, 27-3 with 20 kayoes, is planning to have a crack at the world championship now held by **Antonio Esparragoza.** He must improve his defensive skills to protect his vulnerable jaw. Mitsui, four years his senior at 28, fell to 8-3-2 with six knockouts.

Lion (Ari) Maeda, 122, revealed a very lackluster performance, suffered a cut in the seventh session, but won a unanimous decision (99-96, 98-96 and 98-95) over Shinji Ogawa, 121½, in 10. Lion's record here is 3-0-1 with a kayo. Ogawa dropped to 6-8-5 with four KOs.

(7-13-88)

▶**TOKYO**—Korakuen Hall—Tomohiro Kiyuna, Japanese junior flyweight champ, 108, gave a lesson to Seiji Tomari, also 108, with constant and accurate punching, and finished him at 2:08 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10. Kiyuna, 26, repeated a previous victory over the taller challenger and raised his credentials to 23-3 with 11 kayoes. Tomari, 23, reportedly failed to do enough training due to his lumbago and fell to 15-4 with nine KOs.

Yoshiaki Tajima, the JBC's #3 junior middleweight, 152¾, decisioned Satoshi Yokozaki, also 152¾, in eight.

Promoter: Kyoei Promotions.

(7-18-88)

▶**KITAKYUSHU CITY**—West Japan General Exhibition Arena—**Akinobu Hiranaka,** the WBA's second-ranked junior welterweight, 139¾, retained his national title by stopping Tricky Kawaguchi, 140, at 2:35 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Hiranaka has registered the most defenses of the Japanese 140-pound class title, surpassing the eight consecutive defenses by Lion Furuyama. Hiranaka scored eight kayoes in his nine defenses and upped his log to 16-0 with 15 kayoes. If he can conceal his lantern jaw, he may be given an opportunity to fight for a world title.

Kawaguchi fell to 10-17-2 with four kayoes to prove it was a mismatch.

Filipino Joe Abbot, 125, floored Koichi Aramaki, 121¼, four times and halted him at 1:22 of the fifth round in the semifinal 10.

(7-21-88)

▶**YAMADAMACHI, IWATE PREFECTURE**—Osawa Workers Athletic Center—**Mark Horikoshi**, 121¼, dropped Hisao Ishido, 121½, five times en route to a TKO victory at 2:40 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Mark, an American living in Japan, scored his fifth defense of the Japanese title in the 122-pound division. Mark's good rights caught the victim accurately.

The champ bettered his log to 16-1 with 12 kayoes. Ishido impaired to 11-5-1 with six knockouts.

After a three-year layoff, Rikuo Watanabe, formerly rated top by the JBC, 109¼, made an unsuccessful comeback, losing a close, but unanimous decision to Kimio Hirano, 111¼, in eight. Rikuo fell to 11-8 with four kayoes. Kimio is 5-3-2.

Unbeaten prospect Takayuki Uemura, the JBC's #8 junior bantie, 112½, made it 10-0, including seven kayoes, stopping Masao Kasai, 112, at 2:25 of the second session in six.

Promoter: Hachinohe Teiken Promotions.

(7-22-88)

▶**OSAKA**—Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium—Korean puncher Sung-Ho Shin, 130½, displayed his power punching and disposed of Yoshitatsu Nakazato, Japanese #2 junior lightie, at 2:22 of the fifth canto in a scheduled 10. Shin is 12-1-3 with two kayoes. The number of his few previous kayo wins was inexplicable. Nakazato is 16-2-1 with four kayoes.

Former WBA and WBC super flyweight champ **Jiro Watanabe** boxed a three-round exhibition with **Takuya Muguruma,** ex-WBA bantamweight kingpin. Jiro had been inactive since his forfeiture of his crown to **Gilberto Roman** in March, 1986.

Promoter: Ozeki Maki Promotions.

(7-27-88)

▶**ODATE**—Odate City Arena—Lefty Yasuo Jinde, 127¾, pounded out a shutout decision (triple 100-93) over Filipino Edmondo Sanchez, 125¼, in 10.

(7-27-88)

▶**TOKYO**—Korakuen Hall—Taiwanese prospect Rocky (Ming-Cha) Ling, 105, exploded a lethal straight right to sink Hidekazu Kakehashi, also 105, at 2:41 of the second round in a scheduled eight. Ling, whose amateur record was 58-5, is 2-0 under the tutelage of Yukinori Hiraki, the owner of Rocky Boxing Club in Tokyo.

Promoter: Rocky Promotions.

(8-1-88)

▶**TOKYO**—Korakuen Hall—Shunichi Nakajima, 115, battered the bread basket of Moriaki Arazaki, 115, so effectively that he had the latter on the deck four times and knocked him out at 2:42 of the sixth session in a scheduled 10.

Nakajima is 17-4 with 11 kayoes. He defended his Japanese junior bantamweight title for the second time since seizing the vacant crown via a decision over Koji Nishikawa in March. Arazaki, a fragile loser, is 8-6-1 with three kayoes.

Yoshihiro Yamamoto, 139¾, stretched his unblemished log to 6-0 with as many kayoes by polishing off Naoyuki Iramina, the JBC's #7 lightie, 140, at 2:59 of the opening canto in the semifinal 10. The loser is 10-8-3 with three kayoes. Iramina's chin looked to be made of china.

Kenji Sato, 126, landed a series of right crosses, embalming Ryutaro Ueda, former winner of All-Japan Novice King tourney, 126, at 2:07 of the third round in a scheduled five. Ueda, the JBC's #9 featherweight, suffered his third loss against 10 wins (six kayoes). The upset winner is 4-1 with as many stoppages.

Four-rounders: Ex-All-Japan high school champ Hiroshi Kawashima, 112, displayed a wicked southpaw left, flattening Seiya Watanabe, 111¼, at 0:39 of the first round. Hiroshi showed a finest pro debut.

Puma Tokuchi, 111, downed Masamichi Komatsu, also 111, twice and finished him at 1:27 of the fourth and final round. Tokuchi had lost to Kawashima in the All-Japan final, then also turned professional.

Promoter: Yonekura Promotions.

(8-2-88)

▶**SAPPORO**—Nakajima Sports Center—Jun Yonesaka, a clever but powder-puff puncher, 116¾, eked out a hairline, unanimous verdict (double 98-97 and 99-96) over former Filipino champ Ruben dela Cruz, 117, in 10.

(8-2-88)

▶**TOKYO**—Korakuen Hall—Former Japanese bantamweight champ Naoto Takahashi, 121¾, regained his good form and outjabbed and outpunched Filipino John Matienza, 121½, demolishing him at 2:26 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10.

Takahashi, 20, improved his credentials to 14-2 with 10 kayoes. Matienza, 25-7-1 with six kayoes, had a good fight with **Jeff Fenech,** the current WBC featherweight champ, years ago in Australia. Takahashi dropped Matienza with sharp right shots to the face thrice to make referee Ken Morita call an automatic kayo.

The semifinal 10 saw an upset as Filipino Leon Collins, 121½, floored Kazuya Kano, 122½, in the last round to win a unanimous decision in 10.

Kano's winning streak was stopped at 13, and he fell to 14-2-1 with eight kayoes.

Collins, who had suffered a fifth-round kayo by Seung-Hoon Lee in his quest for the IBF junior feather throne, showed his sharpness in scoring with good right crosses. Scoring: referee Shimakawa 97-95, judge Morita 97-96 and judge Ukrit 99-95.

Promoters: Abe and Teiken Promotions.

(8-4-88)

▶**TOKYO**—Korakuen Hall—Unbeaten Takeyuki Akagi, 129½, was a little befuddled by the speedy hands of Korean Chong-Dae Yim, 130, but halted him at 0:44 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10.

Akagi, former Japanese amateur champ for three consecutive years, is 5-0 with as many knockouts.

The semifinals of the A-Class Prize tourney witnessed many unexpected results. Yasuyuki Noguchi, 134, turned the tables by knocking out Yasuyuki Fukuda, the JBC's top lightweight contender, 135, at 3:02 of the fourth round.

Masamichi Hashiguchi, the #2 lightie, 135, lost to unranked veteran Noboru Godai, also 135, in six. Godai, former Japanese featherweight and junior lightweight champ, changed his ring name from Toshiyuki Tanaka after his suspension for previous criminal deeds. The ex-bad boy, now managed by **Fighting Harada**, is 21-4-2 with seven kayoes. Hashiguchi fell to 9-4-1 with three kayoes.

Soft-punching lefty Seisaku Miyagi, 115, beat ex-Japanese champ Koji Nishikawa, 114, on points in six. Miyagi is 8-0-3 with no kayo. Nishikawa is 18-8-1 with seven KOs.

Soichi Shimamura, the Japanese top bantamweight contender, 115, dropped a unanimous decision to Shigenobu Nakamasa, also 115, in six. The underdog floored the taller favorite in the first round and attacked him all the way to clinch the victory. Nakamasa is 10-5-1 with seven kayoes. Shimamura is 9-3 with four KOs.

Promoter: Shin-Nippon Kimura Promotions.

(8-8-88)

▶**TOKYO**—Korakuen Hall—Shigeru Okabe, an unbeaten hard hitter, 118, impressively finished Ryuji Morishita, 118, at 2:00 of the fourth round in a scheduled five.

Okabe, the JBC's #8 bantie, was a winner of All-Japan Novice King tourney this year. He looks promising.

Hisashi Nakatomi, 108, drew with Takuya Takasugi, also 108, in five.

Tetsuo Mori, 122, lost to Naoki Tsuchiya, 122, in five.
(8-11-88)

▶**MATSUYAMA**—Ehime Prefectural Gymnasium—Prospect Kengo Fukuda, 125¾, scored a clean shot with a left uppercut to the midsection, floored ex-Thai featherweight champ Ayuthaya Sithfakamron, 126, and knocked him out at 1:12 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Kengo showed his sharpness and raised his log to 13-1-1 with nine knockouts. Ayuthaya fell to 17-15-1 with six KOs.

Yosuke Matsuoka, the JBC's #3 flyweight, 111¾, decisioned Mitsuo Kawashima, also 111¾, in eight. The winner is 15-4-2 with five kayoes. He drew with the OPBF flyweight champ Kenji Matsumura after dropping the champ in a non-title tenner in his previous showing.

Promoter: Hitoshi Misako.
(8-14-88)

▶**TOKYO**—Korakuen Hall—Six-foot-one junior welterweight Naoki Ito, 144¾, caught ex-Japanese junior middleweight champ Mugen Kawasaka, a late substitute, 145½, at 2:59 of the second round in a scheduled 10. The shorter Kawasaka took severe punishment from the lanky opponent, hitting the deck twice and for the count. Ito, the JBC's #2 contender, raised his log to 11-3 with five kayoes. Kawasaka fell to 18-11 with 14 KOs.

Shin Sayama, formerly fighting as Masato Tanaka, 108, demolished Dash Higashiho, also 108, with a flurry of punches at 1:06 of the fifth round.

Shigenori Motoi, 143½, caught a much taller Daisuke Tsutsui, 142½, at 1:00 of the fourth canto. The winner is 7-4-1 with six kayoes.

Promoter: Kyoei Promotions.
(8-15-88)

JOE KOIZUMI

KOREA

▶**SEOUL**—Munhwa Gymnasium—In a match ballyhooed as an eliminator to decide the next challenger to fight in a bid for the OPBF (Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation) bantamweight throne, Young-Chun Min, Korean Commission's top contender, 119¾, was awarded a TKO win over Dae-Yong Park, former national junior bantamweight titlist, 120, at 1:36 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10.

It was the Korean Fight of the Month, with each slugging it out incessantly. Park began bleeding from a cut under the left eyebrow in the closing seconds of the fifth round, and his gash was so bad that his cornerman tossed in a towel.

The winner is unbeaten with a 10-0 log including seven kayoes. Park fell to 14-2-1 with four knockouts.

Yong-Heun Lee, 120, stopped Dal-Won Kwon, 119½, at 1:53 of the sixth session in the semifinal eight.

Promoter: Palpal Promotions.
(7-10-88)

▶**SEOUL**—Munhwa Gymnasium—The OPBF junior featherweight champ Hi-Yun Chung, a rugged southpaw, 123, engaged in a non-title tenner and earned a unanimous decision over compatriot Chae-Dong Lim, 123½. Chung failed to score an expected stoppage, but dominated the fight with his busy combinations in close quarters all the way. Chung is 22-4-4 with five kayoes. Lim impared to 4-3-2 with two KOs. It was a mismatch.

The semi-windup witnessed a KBC eliminator to establish a new Korean junior featherweight ruler. Young-Kyun Park, 122, was given a hairline but unanimous decision (triple 97-96) over Young-Duk Park, 121¼, in 10. They exchanged hot rallies from the start to the end with Young-Kyun dominating the latter half thanks to his superior stamina. The new champ is 11-0-1 with six kayoes. Young-Duk fell to 18-3-3 with 13 KOs.

Promoter: Hyundai Promotions.
(7-17-88)

▶**PUSAN**—Pusan Sightseeing Hotel—OPBF middleweight champ **In-Chul Baek,** 159¾, defended his title by disposing of Jae-Ok Kim, Korean champ, 160, at 2:43 of the sixth round in a scheduled 12. Baek had suffered a bad stoppage by Julian Jackson in Las Vegas last November. Since then, he moved up to the 160-pound class and acquired the OPBF title. Though Kim fought gamely, Baek exploded a vaunted right shot to the button and sent him to the canvas in the fatal session. Kim pulled himself up, but returned to the deck after Baek's solid right to be counted out. Baek bettered his log to 43-2-1 with 40 knockouts. Kim fell to 7-2 with four KOs.

The semifinal 10 saw Chong-Kwan Chung, Korean junior bantamweight champ, 115, keep his national title by finishing Sung-Kwan Chung, also 115, at 2:16 of the fifth session. Chung is 16-10-4 with six knockouts. Chung is 4-4.
(7-30-88)

JOE KOIZUMI AND YOO-CHANG KIM

PHILIPPINES

▶**PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA**—Elorde Sports Complex—Former WBC international super bantamweight champ Joe Hiyas, 124½, appeared for the first time after his forfeiture of the junior title to Nurhuda in Indonesia and was awarded a technical decision over Fel Malatag, 125, with the latter's bad gash at 2:55 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Hiyas delivered body bombardments to the loser, leading on points. An accidental butt opened a cut on Malatag, and the ring physician was forced to stop the proceedings. Debot Elorde, the son of the late Flash Gabriel Elorde, said the ex-champ would be gunning for the IBF world throne.

Al Mariano, ranked 10th in the junior bantam class by the GAB (Games and Amusements Board), 120½, outpunched Billy Endrena, also 120½, taking a unanimous decision in 10.

Paquito Openo, the GAB's #8 junior featherweight, chalked up a TKO win over Ador Unesto, 122½, at 1:04 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10.

Virgilio Openo, 116½, followed his brother's win via a unanimous verdict over Marino Aliguin, 114, in 10.

Renato Alberto, 128, stopped Gilbert Magada, 129, at 0:35 of the seventh canto in a scheduled eight.

Promoter: Laura S. Elorde.
(6-8-88)

▶**TAGUM, DAVAO**—Chicas Video Pub—Boy Ligas, the Filipino #4 lightie, 131½, scored a fourth-round TKO over Little Campo in a scheduled 10.

Young Rey, 112, decisioned Ricky Flor, 112, in 10.

Triffon Torralba, 115, stopped Jerry Allawan, 116, in the second round in the first 10.

Promoter: Offlia Lumangtad.
(6-5-88)

▶**QUEZON CITY**—Araneta Coliseum—Filipino featherweight champ Jojo Cayson, 123, weathered the storm of Amado Cabato, 126, in the first round, dominated the pace and won a unanimous decision to retain his national title for the second time in 12 action-packed rounds. Nestor Olivetti refereed. Cayson, a late bloomer, had gained the crown via a 12-round decision over Rudy Cabiles last year and disposed of Vic Subiza in eight rounds in the first defense. Jojo was given the nickname "Killer" as he finished Zaldy Ovillo and the loser never regain consciousness in March, 1984. The Filipino will be a worthy challenger to current OPBF kingpin Byung-Soo Park of Korea.

Pretty Boy Lucas, Filipino mini-flyweight champ, 107, returned to ring warfare after his unsuccessful bid for the vacant IBF throne in Thailand March 24 and kept peppering Korean Sang-Yun Han, also 107, to finish him at 1:18 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10.

National junior welterweight boss Allan Allegria, 141½ proved too strong and powerful, stopping Korean Won-San Kang, 142, at 2:50 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Allan had him on the deck twice before the trick.

Jun Llano, 120½, decisioned Armand Ramos, 121¾, in 10.

Roger de Rama, a young lefty, 107¾, outscored William Alip, 109, in 10.

Boy Kid Eilia, 108½, and Sammy Pagaduan, 109, battled to a majority draw in eight.

Promoter: Benigno Urquico.
(6-10-88)

▶**BAGUIO CITY**—University of Baguio Gym—Bernabe Aliping, 135, successfully defended his Filipino lightweight crown as he didn't give good openings to Jessie Solis, 134, and won a unanimous decision in 12. Aliping, a 21-year-old lefty, prevented Solis from showing his vaunted right hand.

Louie Ilago, a seasoned veteran, 131, floored Ramon Wasi, the GAB's top junior lightweight contender, in the eighth round, winning an upset decision in 10. Wasi's scheduled crack at the national title against Lulu Villaverde may be postponed with his setback.

Ronnie Belaro, 120¼, TKO'd Andy Dumpayan, 124, at 1:54 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10.

Hilario Ba-oy, 126, eked out a split duke over Joe Labrador, 122, in 10. Rudy Palicua, 118, was also a points winner by a split nod over Sixto Ba-oy, 118, in eight.

Promoter: Raffy Panagan.
(6-11-88)

▶**JASA-AN MIS. OR.**—Ali Albarasin, 130, scored a technical knockout over Ben Sarte, 132, at 1:50 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10.

Ed Lucaban, 110, stopped Jessie Balista, 108, at 2:18 of the fifth canto in a scheduled six.

Promoter: Ben Ompoc.
(6-11-88)

▶**ANGELES CITY**—Miguel Arrozal, an unheralded youngster, 120, kept shifty and sharp all the way in taking a unanimous decision over more experienced Mac Espanola, also 120, in 10 upset rounds.

Promoter: Antonio Esguera.
(6-12-88)

▶**BAROTAC, ILOILO**—Elmer Cubillas, the Filipino #5 bantie, 120, registered a TKO over Poker Pelegrino, 121, at 2:30 of the seventh in a scheduled 10.

Kid Kanashiro, 116, barely took a split verdict over Rolando Navares, 117, in 10.

Promoter: Carmelino Buenaflor.
(6-12-88)

▶**BONIFACIO**—ABC Hall—Felix Mantos, 112, defeated Jun Generale, 112, by a unanimous decision in 10. Cesar Sayson Jr. refereed.

Del Timgam, 109, won over Chris Sanchez, also 108, in eight.

Promoter: Roberto Rodrigo.
(6-12-88)

▶**SANCHAGO, ISABELA**—Cris Saguid, 130, battered David John, also 130, to score a technical knockout at 2:35 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Rex Rapiso, 120, was awarded a technical decison over Vic Galme, also 120, midway in the seventh round in the semifinal 10.

Ernie Gulia, 123, won from Roberto Garcia, also 123, in eight.

Promoter: Grego Garcia.
(6-17-88)

▶**CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY**—Having wrested the national title via an upset TKO over **Tacy Macalos** months before, **Sonny Vidal**, 108, put his Filipino junior flyweight title on the line against Allan Morre, 106½, and kept it by stopping him at 0:51 of the seventh round in a scheduled 12. Dante Busenos refereed. For Vidal, it was a tuneup prior to an eliminator with Korean Sung-Yong Chung for the vacant OPBF crown 40 days later.

Frank Domino, the GAB's top junior lightweight contender, showed his strength in halting Leo Sabanal, 133, at 1:07 of the eighth session in the semifinal 10.

Jun Torregosa, 114½, earned a majority duke over Pepito Semblante, 116, in 10.

Boy Pacamalan, 111, eked out a split nod over Eddie Sajonia, 110, in eight.

Promoter: Quintin Kaamino.
(6-18-88)

▶**TACLOBAN CITY**—Jaro Coliseum—Lulu Villaverde, 129, successfully kept his Filipino junior lightweight title by taking a unanimous decision over Flash Ursus, also 129, in 12. Vic Valdez refereed.

Romeo Opriasa, the GAB's top flyweight contender, 115, was a unanimous points victor over Eldie Paradero, 115, in 10.

Armando Tenoria, 105, TKO'd Boy Acepcion, 102, at 2:50 of the eighth session in the first 10.

Promoter: Grego Garcia.
(6-18-88)

▶**AGUSAN DEL NORTE**—Sta. Ines Gym—Al Balaba, the Filipino #4 junior featherweight, 122, chalked up a TKO victory over David Pantaras Jr., 125, at 1:52 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Rex Cailing, 110, was held to a split draw by Andy Soletona, 108, in 10.

Eddie Torrecampo, 122, was given a majority decison over Dondon Perez, 120, in 10.

Promoter: Neptali Bokingo.
(6-19-88)

▶**COTABATO CITY**—Kutang Bato Square Garden—Edgar Apoatan, 124, outscored Johnathan Fin, 124, in 10.

Flash Simene, 118, drew with Tim Balantay, also 118, in 10.

Edgar Inocencio, 112, decisioned Jaime Sintos, 110, in 10.

Joel Solinap and Tony Boy Bello, both 118, drew in the first 10.

Promoter: Benhur Bedia.
(6-18-88)

▶**MANILA**—Rizal Memorial Coliseum—Ariel Duran, 131, took a majority decision over Albert Saxon, 134, in 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

Celso Areglo, 123, won over Boy Masoay, also 123, in 10.

Ronie Belaro, 120, TKO'd Rene Brugada, 125, at 1:20 of the opening session in 10.

Fernando Palad, 123, was a winner by a technical decision over Ronnie Solis, 123, at 2:34 of the ninth round in the first 10.

Promoter: Mario Tomboc.
(6-23-88)

▶**DIGOS, DAVAO DEL SUR**—Ric Apatan, 118, won a unanimous decision over Roy Pollard, 118, in 10.

Rey Betsalda, 106, outscored Julio Belo, also 106, in 10.

Oscar Traya, 108, stopped Rene Debolgado, also 108, in the seventh round of a scheduled eight.

Promoter: Gabriel Traya.
(6-23-88)

▶**JIMENEZ MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL**—ABC Hall—Fel Burlat, 127, earned a majority verdict over Jessim Garzon, 127, in 10. Jimmy Galarpe refereed.

Jet More, 114, decisioned Jerry Balsa, 115, in six.

Promoter: Roberto Rodrigo.
(6-24-88)

▶**TAGUM, DAVAO**—UM Gym—Cobra Ari Blanca, the GAB's top junior bantamweight contender, 116½, scored a unanimous decision over Joseph Ladipe, 116, in 10.

Elson Duran, 109½, won from Ed Adame, 108½, in 10.

Young Rey Cascas, 113¼, outpointed Trifon Torralba, 113, in 10.

Luis Milado, the Filipino #5 junior lightie, 133, unanimously whipped Boy Ligas, 133, in 10.

Ben Capagngan, 123½, decisioned Mario Sumalinog, 122, in 10.

Ricky Flor, 108, TKO'd Charlie Canas, 105¾, in the first 10.

Promoter: Ranilo Terania.
(6-25-88)

▶**ZAMBOANGA DE SUR**—Molave Gymnasium—Victor Sagaad, ranked sixth by the GAB in the junior lightweight class, 129, narrowly took a split decision over Tata Ariosa, 130, in 10.

Lalay Lador, 132, stopped Goring Youngs Milling, 133, at 1:15 of the third session in a supporting six.

Promoter: Roberto Rodrigo.
(6-25-88)

▶**VALENCIA BUKIDNON**—Beloy Bacolod Sports Complex—Cesar de la Cruz, the GAB's #5 flyweight, 112, struggled to a split draw with Joel Castrodes, 111, in 10.

Oswaldo Zayas refereed.

Fighting Leolets, 130, unanimously decisioned Flor Galicia, also 130, in 10.

German Ellana, 109, won from Glen Baby Toreres, 108, in 10.

Samuel Duran, 120, beat Nelson Yacapin, also 120, on points in 10.

Al Campania, 112, halted Bernie Hera, 112, at 1:55 of the fifth session in 10.

Promoter: Leonel Lazarito.
(6-25-88)

▶**SANTIAGO, ISABELA**—Amy Pacana, the Filipino #3 junior welterweight, 139, proved too pugnacious and powerful for Jessie Solis, 138, finishing him at 2:58 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Virgilio Garcia refereed.

Cris Saguid, 130, unanimously decisioned Boy Abuela, 130, in 10.

Jun Pastor, 149, stopped Pastor Arcaya, the GAB's #5 junior welterweight, 150, at 2:53 of the fourth session in a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Gavino Angeles.
(6-26-88)

▶**HINUNANGAN, SOUTH LEYTE**—Fidel Ymbong, 119, decisioned Bonnie Ballientos, 118, in a unanimous 10.

Rocky Marcial, 109, was declared a winner by a technical decision over Jongjong Perez, 111, midway in the eighth session of a scheduled tenner. In the sixth round it began raining, and it became heavier in Round Seven. During the eighth canto, the canvas got so slippery that referee Nelso Singco was forced to stop the affair and render a decision.

Promoter: Marcel Juban.
(6-26-88)

▶**TACURONG**—Tacurong Civic Center—Mario Parcon, 115, earned a unanimous decision over Efren Beclar, also 115, in 109.

Edgar Mujndia, 120, unanimously outscored Mewlchor Ardonia, also 120, in 10.

Promoter: Carmelino Buenaflor.
(6-25-88)

▶**MATI, DAVAO ORIENTAL**—Sul Inting, 128, managed to beat Fernando Carupo, 127, on points via a majority decision in 10.

Ronnie Abian, 118, unanimously won over William Jr., 118, in 10.

Boy Orcullo, 108, TKO'd Ramil Baguio, 108, in the third session in a scheduled six.

Promoter: Rolando Ligas.
(6-29-88)

▶**NOTES:** One of the biggest topics in the Philippines is former WBC super featherweight champion **Rolando Navarrete's** comeback trail. After wasting almost three years in jail in Hawaii, Rolando returned to his native country to resume his fistic career. He is now fighting under the tutelage of Papa Lope Sarreal Sr. Navarrete, 31, made a successful comeback by stopping Elmer Leonardo in two rounds May 6. He fought his second, July 22, winning a onesided decision over Indonesian titlist Muhammed Jurehari in 10 heats. Navarrete, a reformed ex-bad boy, dropped the highly regarded opponent in the first and eighth rounds. Rolando utilized his specialty, southpaw lefts followed by solid right hooks, dominating the contest. The Filipino, however, recklessly attempted to score a kayo only to take a right cross, hitting the deck in the 10th and final session. He regained his feet and battled hard to the end...Official scoresheets were as follows: Alejandro Francisco, 99-89, Alex Villacampa 97-92 and Godofredo Fandialan 99-89, all for Rando (his nickname). The crowd in Rizal Coliseum in Manila was entertained by the action-packed affair and believed Rando has regained his former form and removed his ring rust. Navarrete is 46-7-3. Juhari fell to 20-3-4 with nine kayoes. Papa Sarreal is looking for a bigger chance for Rando.

JOE KOIZUMI

THAILAND

▶**BANGKOK**—Lumpinee Stadium—Pahlangnum Sorborikara, formerly a strong Muay-Thai (national kickboxing) star, 106, displayed his power in stopping Koban Sithkoochart, the Thai Commission's seventh-ranked junior flyweight, also 106, in the third round of a scheduled six. The winner is 4-0 with as many knockouts. He is ranked eighth in the TBC's mini-flyweight ratings.
(7-8-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Lumpinee Stadium—Sanggern Looksuriya, 110, sent Malaithong Satiragym, 112, to the canvas three times in the third round, and the TBC referee called a halt in a scheduled six.
(7-9-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Rajadamnern Stadium—Having dethroned Downmai Sithkodom months before, Thai junior featherweight champ Noree Jokkygym, 126, kept fighting busily and won a unanimous decision over Kwanchai Sorsinantha, also 126, in six. Noree is 25-5-1 with nine knockouts.
(7-14-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Lumpinee Stadium—Champ Kiatpetch, not the champ but the TBC's top flyweight contender, 115, showed his superiority and knocked out old soldier Saksurin Kiatkarnbinthai, 116, in the third session of a scheduled six. Champ is 9-1 with nine knockouts. This reporter asks the winner to change his ring name until he becomes the champion.
(7-16-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Rajadamnern Stadium—Unbeaten Kajikong Danphoothai, the TBC's top contender, 110, ran his log to 9-0 with four kayoes as he outscored Den Sorthanikul, also 110, in 10. Den fell to 9-2-1 with six kayoes.
(7-20-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Rajadamnern Stadium—Maphai Narachavat, the Thai top junior bantamweight contender, 115, easily disposed of Pornmongkol Chorvikun, the TBC's #4 flyweight, 115, in the fourth round of a scheduled six. Maphai remains unbeaten with a 7-0 log, including five kayoes.
(7-25-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—San Nortochor, the TBC's second-ranked junior bantie, decisioned Wangnoi Luadayuthaya in six. The winner is 10-1-1 with five knockouts.
(7-26-88)

▶**BANGKOK**—Rajadamnern Stadium—Veera Kiatsongthaya, 138, acquired the vacant Thai junior welterweight throne as he landed a vicious right uppercut to the eye of Hagler Chuvatana, a shaven skulled battler, 140, and floored him for the count in the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Veera had beaten Hagler on points months before, so the latter was too cautious to make a good start. Before the trick, Veera obviously was leading on points.
(7-27-88)

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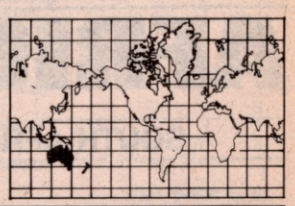

PAN PACIFIC

NEW ZEALAND

▶**AUCKLAND** — Kingsgate Centre — Former NZ amateur star Michael Sykes (137 lbs) had his toughest battle in his seven-bout career but maintained his unblemished record by split decisioning Australia's energetic Patrick Mudford (133 lbs) over 10 hectic rounds which saw referee Beaven Weir one busy gentleman endeavoring to keep control of a rough encounter. Sykes looked set for an early night when he dropped Mudford for a compulsory count in the opening round but failed to capitalize on the opportunity and by the third Mudford was right back into the reckoning and putting his opponent offstride with aggressive, rough, inquarter fighting. Possibly Sykes' cleaner punches and tidier work snatched the decision for him for surely the judges could not have been impressed with Mudford's blatant headbutting near throughout the contest.

Best of the prelims was the six-rounder between middles Penu Rasmussen and Toss Lelei, who slammed it out literally toe-to-toe after both were spoken to by referee Johnny Hanks midway in the first stanza "to liven things up." Rasmussen appeared to have the edge as they shaped up for the final round, but Lelei finished very strong and had the referee apply a standing "eight" count on Rasmussen with just seconds to go. The judges' assessment of a draw looked a rightful and just decision.

Lindsay "White Shark" Christiansen was adjudged kayo victor over Fijian David Rava Rava in an uninspiring heavyweight bout. Floored for "eight" by a right to the jaw late in the third, Rava Rava remained on his stool at the bell for the fourth and referee Eddie Manuela extolled the full count over him.

Mike Hall (170 lbs) made a tentative start in his four-rounder against Joe Tanuvasa (175 lbs) but gradually overcame the latter's confident start with straighter and harder blows to earn a unanimous decision. Referee Ali Afakasi.

Sio Tanuvasa (150 lbs) took a unanimous, six-round decision over Paul Baker (155 lbs). Fred Toleafoa extended his kayo streak by stopping Tae Strickland in Round Four when referee Afakasi decided the latter was taking too many rights to his head.

Promoter: Arthur Collins.
Attendance: 4,000.
(8-1-88)

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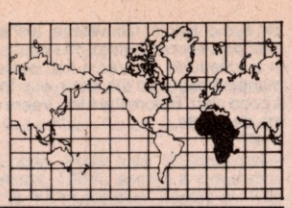


AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA

▶**PORT ELIZABETH**—Great Centenary Hall—South African junior welterweight champion Phumzile Madikane scored a unanimous, eight-round decision over Patrick Mthimkulu in a welterweight clash.

Madikane took command from the first round and was an easy winner against his gutsy opponent.

In a hard-fought bantamweight fight, Frazer Ndzandze won a disputed, eight-round decision over Derrick Whiteboy.

Jackie Gunguluza outpointed Keith Rass in a featherweight contest.
(6-11-88)

▶**ELDORADO PARK**—Don Mateman Hall—Quinton Ryan, 130, suffered a shocking setback when he was outpunched by Mpisekaya Mbaduli, 129, and stopped in the ninth round, thus losing his South African junior lightweight title to the Cape boxer.

The 21-year-old champion, defending his title for the second time, adopted the wrong tactics and paid the penalty as he was battered to defeat by the confident challenger after being dropped five times.

Mbaduli's record is 16-5-2. Ryan dropped to 10-4.

Promoter: Sarel Dauds.

Attendance: 800 (est.).
(6-19-88)

▶**PORT ELIZABETH**—Great Centenary Hall—Luvuto Kakaza retained the Cape lightweight title with an easy third-round TKO over Thaozamile Fumbeza.

Fumbeza surrendered, shaking his head as he went down on one knee without taking a punch.

Attendance: 3,000 (est.).
(6-26-88)

▶**SUN CITY**—Superbowl—The judges won few friends after declaring the heavyweight clash between **Johnny Du Plooy,** 213, and American **James Pritchard**, 213, a draw.

Almost the entire crowd felt Pritchard had done more than enough to take the decision after 10 rounds.

The American, who was much shorter than Du Plooy, boxed from a crouch, making it very difficult for Du Plooy to score with his left hooks and overhand rights. Pritchard's best weapon was his left jab, which continually knocked back the head of the South African.

Du Plooy's record went to 19-1-1 and Pritchard to 18-2-2.

American Jeff Lampkin, 189, caused an upset when he knocked out Freddie Rafferty, 189, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10. From the opening round, the neat-looking Lampkin crowded Rafferty and proceeded to give him a boxing lesson until he dropped him for the full count with a short left to the midriff.

Harold Volbrecht, 147, defending his South African welterweight title for the 18th time, scored an easy 12-round decision over Patrick Mpamba, 147. It was a case of the experienced Volbrecht doing all the work, with Mpbamba on the retreat.

Sakkie Horn, 173, retained his South African light heavyweight title for the second time when Howard Mpepesi, 171, was unable to come out for the seventh round due to a twisted knee. It was an unfortunate ending to an interesting contest that saw Mpepesi slightly ahead at the time of the stoppage.

Young prospect Grant Messias, 130, stopped former South African featherweight champion Gerald Isaacs, 130, in the second of a scheduled four.

Promoter: Sun City.

Matchmaker: Leonard Neill.

Attendance: 5,000 (est.).
(7-2-88)

▶**SECUNDA**—Jacob Matlala, 108, the former South African junior flyweight champion, scored an easy eight-round decision over inexperienced Daniel Ward, 106.

Matlala took control in the first round and his young opponent did well to last the distance.

Matlala is 22-7-1, while Ward dropped to 6-2.

Chris Peters, 146, looked impressive in scoring a six-round decision over Obed Magango, 146.

Promoter: Colorado Boxing Promotions.

Attendance: 150.
(7-9-88)

▶**ELDORADO PARK**—Don Mateman Hall—Dingaan Thobela, 128, faded in the late rounds but hung on to his Transvaal junior lightweight title with a grueling 10-round decision over Ditau Molefyane, 130.

Thobela, the "Prospect of the Year" in South Africa in 1987, was rather disappointing and was lucky to survive the last round against the determined challenger.

Promising Jan Losper, 118, had to overcome a determined attack from James Phatlane, 119, before securing a TKO in the fifth of a scheduled six.

Promoter: Sam Monane/Alexander Promotions.

Attendance: 800 (est.).
(7-10-88)

▶**PORT ELIZABETH**—Centenary Hall—Jerry Ngobeni won the Cape junior lightweight title when he knocked out Nkoyi Mathshoba in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.

Ngobeni was the better fighter and Mathshoba was well behind when his corner threw in the towel.

Transvaal featherweight champion Stanley Mathe scored a fifth-round TKO over Mongezi Ntshidi due to a gash over the loser's left eye.
(7-17-88)

▶**CAPE TOWN**—Good Hope Centre—South African junior lightweight champion Nika Khumalo scored a close 10-round decision over American Steve Little.

The tall and unorthodox Little proved a very difficult opponent, and the South African had to pull out all stops.

Promoter: Manuel Ribeiro.
(7-4-88)

▶**DURBAN**—West Ridge Park—Sugarboy Malinga scored a convincing 10-round decision over American Larry Musgrove.

Malinga took some time to figure out the American's tactics in a fight that never really excited the fans.

Promoter: Manuel Ribeiro.

Attendance: 2,000 (est.).
(7-18-88)

▶**DURBAN**—West Ridge Park—Gregory Clark retained his South African junior middleweight title when he scored an easy eighth-round TKO over inexperienced Eric Dunn in a scheduled 12.

The challenger was completely outclassed as Clark took control from the start with a two-fisted attack until Dunn finally threw up his hands in surrender.

Promoter: Wayne Wesley-Smith.

Attendance: 1,500 (est.).
(7-25-88)

RON JACKSON

IBF/WBA/WBC

HEAVYWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Mike Tyson (US)	**C**	**C**	**C**
Carl Williams (US)	1	3	3
James Douglas (US)	2	–	5
Frank Bruno (England)	3	1	1
Pinklon Thomas (US)	4	–	–
Trevor Berbick (US)	5	9	8
Orlin Norris (US)	6	7	9
Francesco Damiani (Italy)	7	2	–
Tim Witherspoon (US)	8	10	12
Jose Ribalta (US)	9	6	4
Razor Ruddock (Canada)	10	5	6
Adilson Rodrigues (Brazil)	–	4	2
Tyrell Biggs (US)	–	8	14
Tony Tubbs (US)	–	–	7
Michael Dokes (US)	11	–	10

CRUISERWEIGHT/ JR. HEAVYWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Evander Holyfield (US)	**C**	**C**	**C**
Patrick Lumumba (Kenya)	1	6	4
Anthony Witherspoon (US)	2	–	12
Taoufik Balbouli (France)	3	3	3
Bash Ali (US)	4	–	10
Alfonso Ratliff (US)	5	–	23
Ralf Rocchigiani (Germany)	6	–	16
Michael Greer (US)	7	5	2
Sammy Reeson (England)	8	1	6
Everett Martin (US)	9	4	13
Bert Cooper (US)	10	7	8
Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)	–	2	1
Osvaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico)	–	8	–
Glenn McCrory (England)	11	9	5
Robert Daniels (US)	–	10	14
Daniel Netto (Argentina)	–	–	7
Olian Alexander (US)	12	–	9

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Charles Williams (US)	**C**	**–**	**–**
Uriah Grant (US)	1	10	10
Rufino Angulo (France)	2	–	–
Frankie Swindell (US)	3	–	12
Tony Willis (US)	4	1	1
Dennis Andries (England)	5	9	3
Bobby Czyz (US)	6	–	9
Joe Lasisi (Nigeria)	7	5	4
Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)	8	7	5
Tom Collins (England)	9	2	2
Jorge Salgado (Argentina)	10	–	17
Virgil Hill (US)	**–**	**C**	**–**
Chong-Pal Park (Korea)	–	3	–
Jean-Marie Emebe (Cameroon)	–	4	15
Ramzi Hassan (US)	–	6	7
Willy Featherstone (Canada)	–	8	8
Don Lalonde (Canada)	**–**	**–**	**C**
Alex Blanchard (Holland)	–	–	6

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Graciano Rocchigiani (Germany)	**C**	**–**	**–**
Lindell Holmes (US)	1	1	–
James Kinchen (US)	2	5	2
Chris Reid (US)	3	4	5
Frank Tate (US)	4	–	–
Jeff Harding (Australia)	5	–	6
Vincent Boulware (US)	6	10	–
Tarmo Uusivirta (Finland)	7	9	8
Nigel Benn (England)	8	–	–
Thulani Malinga (South Africa)	9	–	–
Mike Peak (US)	10	–	–
Fulgencio Obelmejias (Venezuela)	**–**	**C**	**–**
Thomas Hearns (US)	–	2	3
Victor Cordova (Panama)	11	3	15
Jay Strickland (US)	–	6	–
Wang-Sup Lee (Korea)	–	7	–
Mark Kaylor (England)	–	8	–
Ray Leonard (US)	–	–	1
Chong-Pal Park (Korea)	–	–	4
In-Chul Baek (Korea)	–	–	7
Juan Roldan (Argentina)	–	–	9
Carlos Antunes (Brazil)	–	–	10

MIDDLEWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Michael Nunn (US)	**C**	**–**	**–**
Frank Winterstein (France)	1	–	9
Mike McCallum (US)	2	2	4
Jose Quinones (Puerto Rico)	3	–	6
Thomas Hearns (US)	4	–	–
Doug DeWitt (US)	5	4	14
Chris Tiozzo (France)	6	6	10
Juan Roldan (Argentina)	7	7	–
Herol Graham (England)	8	1	2
Roberto Duran (Panama)	9	3	5
Tony Thornton (US)	10	9	13

RATINGS

Sumbu Kalambay (Italy)	–	C	–
In-Chul Baek (Korea)	–	5	–
Robbie Sims (US)	–	8	7
Michael Olajide (US)	12	10	3
Iran Barkley (US)	–	–	C
Lindell Holmes (US)	–	–	1
Michael Watson (England)	11	–	8

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHT/ SUPER WELTERWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Matthew Hilton (Canada)	C	–	–
Robert Hines (US)	1	4	5
Troy Waters (Australia)	2	–	10
Darrin Van Horn (US)	3	2	4
Jose Varela (Germany)	4	9	13
Lupe Aquino (US)	5	3	2
Terry Norris (US)	6	–	28
Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)	7	8	21
Gianfranco Rosi (Italy)	8	6	3
Francisco DeJesus (Brazil)	9	–	–
Rene Jacquot (France)	10	–	14
Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)	–	C	–
John Mugabi (Uganda)	–	1	1
Francisco Lisboa (Indonesia)	11	5	25
Buster Drayton (US)	12	7	15
Jun-Sok Hwang (Korea)	–	10	22
Donald Curry (US)	–	–	C
Duane Thomas (US)	–	–	6
Al Long (US)	–	–	7
Chris Pyatt (England)	–	–	8
Jorge Castro (Argentina)	–	–	9

WELTERWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Simon Brown (US)	C	–	–
Al Long (US)	1	–	–
Tyrone Trice (US)	2	–	11
Marlon Starling (US)	3	3	2
Jorge Maysonet (Puerto Rico)	4	–	17
Manning Galloway (US)	5	7	28
Bobby Joe Young (US)	6	–	–
Mauro Martelli (Switzerland)	7	6	6
Mark Breland (US)	8	1	3
Jean Fontana (France)	9	–	24
Robert Rucker (US)	10	–	–
Tomas Molinares (Colombia)	–	C	–
Seung-Soon Lee (Korea)	–	2	4
Maurice Blocker (US)	–	4	13
Fujio Ozaki (Japan)	–	5	10
Yung-Kil Chung (Korea)	–	8	1
Kirkland Laing (England)	–	9	9
Luis Garcia (Venezuela)	–	10	–
Lloyd Honeyghan (England)	–	–	C
Miguel Arroyo (Argentina)	–	–	5
Derrick Kelly (US)	–	–	7
Helio Santana (Brazil)	–	–	8

JR. WELTERWEIGHT/ SUPER LIGHTWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
James McGirt (US)	C	–	–
Jong Jung Pacquining (Philippines)	1	–	–
Meldrick Taylor (US)	2	1	2
Frankie Warren (US)	3	–	12
John Meekins (US)	4	6	6
Vinny Pazienza (US)	5	–	23
Courtney Hooper (US)	6	–	–
Frankie Randall (US)	7	–	8
Harold Brazier (US)	8	4	3
Tek N'Kalankete (France)	9	8	17
Terrence Alli (US)	10	–	11
Juan Coggi (Argentina)	–	C	–
Akinobu Hiranaka (Japan)	–	2	7
Kyung-Duk Ahn (Korea)	–	3	4
Mike Johnson (US)	–	5	–
Engels Pedroza (Venezuela)	–	7	18
Sang-Ho Lee (Korea)	–	9	24
Vincent Releford (US)	–	10	20
Roger Mayweather (US)	–	–	C
Rene Arredondo (Mexico)	–	–	1
Cassius Clay Horn (US)	–	–	5
Rodolfo Gonzalez (Mexico)	–	–	9
Maurice Rodriguez (US)	–	–	10

LIGHTWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Greg Haugen (US)	C	–	–
Pernell Whitaker (US)	1	1	2
Amancio Castro (Colombia)	2	–	10
Fred Pendleton (US)	3	–	7
Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)	4	–	5
Gert Bo Jacobsen (Denmark)	5	10	–
Miguel Santana (Puerto Rico)	6	–	29
Louie Lomeli (US)	7	3	15
Primo Ramos (Mexico)	8	7	6
Livingstone Bramble (US)	9	–	23
Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)	10	2	4
Julio Cesar Chavez (Mexico)	–	C	1
Rafael Pineda (Colombia)	–	4	3
John Duplessis (US)	–	5	12
Rodolfo Aguilar (Panama)	–	6	–
Terrance Alli (Guyana)	–	8	–
Alberto Cortes (Argentina)	–	9	8
Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)	–	–	C
Lester Ellis (Australia)	–	–	9

JR. LIGHTWEIGHT/ SUPER FEATHERWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Tony Lopez (US)	C	–	–
Tyrone Jackson (US)	1	2	7
Harold Knight (US)	2	8	5
Rocky Lockridge (US)	3	–	10
Juan LaPorte (US)	4	–	9
Ariel Duran (Philippines)	5	–	–
Jim McDonnell (England)	6	9	12
Barry McGuigan (Ireland)	7	5	2
Felipe Orozco (Colombia)	8	–	–
Mario Martinez (Mexico)	9	1	1
Roger Arevalo (Mexico)	10	7	–
Brian Mitchell (South Africa)	–	C	–
Mario Miranda (Colombia)	–	3	3
Jackie Beard (US)	–	4	20
Jose Rivera (Puerto Rico)	–	6	13
Rene Weller (Germany)	–	10	–
Azumah Nelson (Ghana)	–	–	C
Lupe Suarez (US)	–	–	4
Roger Arevalo (Mexico)	12	–	6
Johnny de la Rosa (Dominican Rep.)	–	–	8

FEATHERWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Jorge Paez (Mexico)	C	–	–
Calvin Grove (US)	1	–	–
Hector Lopez (US)	2	5	1
Javier Marquez (Mexico)	3	–	4
George Navarro (US)	4	–	2
Jeff Franklin (US)	5	–	15
Samart Payakarun (Thailand)	6	–	9
Mauricio Stecca (Italy)	7	4	3
Jean Marc Renard (Belgium)	8	7	12
Miguel Francia (Argentina)	9	–	17
Steve Cruz (US)	10	–	20
Antonio Esparragoza (Venezuela)	–	C	–
Jose Marmolejos (Panama)	–	1	–
Valerio Nati (Italy)	–	2	–
Marcos Villasana (Mexico)	–	3	5
Mitsuru Sugiya (Japan)	–	6	–
Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)	–	8	6
Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)	–	9	11
Byung-Soo Park (Korea)	–	10	8
Jeff Fenech (Australia)	–	–	C
Robert Rivera (Puerto Rico)	–	–	7
Sidnei Dal Rovere (Brazil)	12	–	10

JR. FEATHERWEIGHT/ SUPER BANTAMWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Jose Sanabria (US)	C	–	–
Manuel Miranda (Puerto Rico)	1	–	–
Pedro Decima (Argentina)	2	3	4
Vincenzo Belcastro (Italy)	3	–	–
Jesse Benavides (US)	4	–	12
Valerio Nati (Italy)	5	–	2
Jesus Poll (US)	6	2	5
Ramon Cruz (Puerto Rico)	7	–	–
Steve McCrory (US)	8	–	6
Loris Stecca (Italy)	9	6	3
Daniel Blanco (Colombia)	10	–	–
Juan Jose Estrada (Mexico)	–	C	–
Julio Gervacio (Dominican Rep.)	–	1	15
Carlos Romero (Venezuela)	12	4	9
Bernardo Pinango (Venezuela)	–	5	–
Mark Horikoshi (Japan)	–	7	7
Takuya Muguruma (Japan)	–	8	8
Orlando Fernandez (Puerto Rico)	–	9	28
Louie Espinoza (US)	–	10	10
Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)	–	–	C
Seung-Soon Lee (Korea)	–	–	1

BANTAMWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Orlando Canizales (US)	C	–	–
Jimmy Navarro (US)	1	–	–
Raul Perez (Mexico)	2	3	2
Kelvin Seabrooks (US)	3	–	18
Ken Mitchell (US)	4	6	23
Fabrice Benichou (France)	5	–	–
Hurley Snead (US)	6	7	3
Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)	7	4	1
Ray Minus (Bahamas)	8	–	13
Luisito Espinoza (Philippines)	9	–	10
Roland Gomez (US)	10	–	–
Sung-Kil Moon (Korea)	–	C	–
Edgar Monserrat (Panama)	–	1	5
Kaokor Galaxy (Thailand)	–	2	29
Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)	–	5	7
Chun Huh (Korea)	–	8	4
Frankie Duarte (US)	12	9	17
Lorimer Pontino (Philippines)	–	10	–
Miguel Lora (Colombia)	–	–	C
Israel Contreras (Venezuela)	–	–	6
Lucio Lopez (Argentina)	–	–	8
Alberto Davila (US)	–	–	9

JR. BANTAMWEIGHT/ SUPER FLYWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Elly Pical (Indonesia)	C	–	–
Juan Polo (Colombia)	1	–	11
Santos Laciar (Argentina)	2	4	2
Armando Castro (Mexico)	3	–	8
Thanomsak Sithbaobey (Thailand)	4	3	6
Ki-Chang Kim (Korea)	5	–	–
Welcome Ncita (South Africa	6	–	–
Mike Phelps (US)	7	–	–
Renaldo Carter (US)	8	–	–
William Ramos (Puerto Rico)	9	–	–
Ruben Condori (Argentina)	10	–	7
Kaosai Galaxy (Thailand)	–	C	–
Kiyoshi Hatanaka (Japan)	–	1	4
Kong Payakaroon (Thailand)	–	5	13
Alberto Castro (Colombia)	–	2	10
Sugar Rojas (Colombia)	–	6	3
Juan Carazo (Puerto Rico)	–	7	1
Tae-Il Chang (Korea)	–	8	9
Chiaki Kobayashi (Japan)	–	9	15
Chang-Ho Choi (Korea)	–	10	5
Gilberto Roman (Mexico)	–	–	C

FLYWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Rolando Bohol (Philippines)	C	–	–
Duke McKenzie (England)	1	3	7
Ramon Medal (US)	2	5	13
Dodie Penalosa (Philippines)	3	–	15
Daorung Chuwatana (Thailand)	4	–	–
Kenji Matsumura (Japan)	5	4	14
Elvis Alvarez (Colombia)	6	–	–
Jose Ruiz (Puerto Rico)	7	–	–
Maphai Narachavat (Thailand)	8	–	–
Satoshi Shingaki (Japan)	9	–	–
Cho-Woon Park (Korea)	10	–	27
Fidel Bassa (Colombia)	–	C	–
Hilario Zapata (Panama)	–	1	16
Miguel Mercedes (Dominican Rep.)	–	2	2
Adrian Roman (Argentina)	–	6	6
Leopard Tamakuma (Japan)	–	7	5
Emil Matsushima (Japan)	–	8	10
Rafael Cabrera (Dominican Rep.)	–	9	26
Romy Navarrette (Philippines)	–	10	1
Yong-Kang Kim (Korea)	–	–	C
Sot Chitalada (Thailand)	–	–	1
Richard Clarke (Jamaica)	–	–	3
Soon-Joong Kang (Korea)	–	–	4
Javier Lucas (Mexico)	12	–	8
Yul-Woo Lee (Korea)	–	–	9

JR. FLYWEIGHT/ LIGHT FLYWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Jum-Hwan Choi (Korea)	C	–	–
Mario DeMarco (Argentina)	1	2	12
Isidro Perez (Mexico)	2	–	3
Sonny Vidal (Philippines)	3	–	18
Humberto Gonzales (Mexico)	4	1	2
Francisco Tejedor (Colombia)	5	5	4
Tacy Macalos (Philippines)	6	–	15
Tony DeLuca (US)	7	–	–
German Torres (Mexico)	8	–	1
Carlos Orobio (Panama)	9	–	26
Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)	10	3	5
Myung-Woo Yuh (Korea)	–	C	–
Rodolfo Blanco (Colombia)	–	4	6
Udin (Indonesia)	–	6	–
Armando Velasco (Mexico)	–	7	–
Katsumi Komiyama (Japan)	–	8	8
Hideyuki Ohashi (Japan)	–	9	11
Jesus Rojas (Venezuela)	–	10	16
Jung-Koo Chang (Korea)	–	–	C
Agustin Garcia (Colombia)	–	–	7
Jorge Cano (Mexico)	–	–	9
Muangshai Kittikasem (Thailand)	–	–	10

MINI FLY/MINIMUMWEIGHT/ STRAWWEIGHT	IBF	WBA	WBC
Samuth Sithnarvelpol (Thailand)	C	–	–
Eric Chavez (Philippines)	1	–	11
Boy Lucas (Philippines)	2	–	4
Kajkong Danpoothai (Thailand)	3	–	13
Santiago Mendez (Mexico)	4	–	5
John Arief (Indonesia)	5	–	–
Trang Boonlert (Thailand)	6	6	24
Luis Monzote (US)	7	–	–
Hector Patri (Argentina)	8	–	15
Javier Varquez (Mexico)	9	–	6
In-Kyu Hwang (Korea)	10	–	–
Rafael Gamez (Venezuela)	–	C	–
Bong-Jun Kim (Korea)	–	1	–
Tony DeLuca (US)	–	2	–
Augustin Garcia (Colombia)	–	3	–
Sam-Joong Lee (Korea)	–	4	16
Jose Lagos (Argentina)	12	5	8
Ha-Shik Lim (Korea)	–	7	–
Kyung-Yun Lee (Korea)	–	8	2
Missile Kudo (Japan)	–	9	20
Benedicto Murillo (Panama)	–	10	–
Hiroki Ioka (Japan)	–	–	C
Nana Katwanchai (Thailand)	–	–	1
Sung-Woo Lee (Korea)	–	–	3
Ricardo Lopez (Mexico)	–	–	7
Hi-Yong Choi (Korea)	–	–	9
Francisco Montiel (Mexico)	11	–	10

IN THIS CORNER

by Ben Sharav

ALEX WALLAU (Television Commentator)

AN OLD CARTOON SHOWS A STORE-owner whose establishment has just been robbed. A camera crew and reporter from the local TV news program arrive with the police just after the robbers have fled, and begin to interview the proprietor. "One guy stuck a gun in my ribs, the other beat me over the head and tied me to a chair," the businessman recounts, while pointing to a big bump on his head. "They ransacked my files, emptied my safe and made off with my best merchandise."

In the next panel, the storeowner has made it over to a telephone and presumably reached his wife. "Honey, you won't believe what happened," the bruised man says. Then, his face suddenly brightening, he finishes, "I'm on television!"

That *Mad* magazine cartoon was probably only a little farfetched. People — from Geraldo Rivera to Tawana Brawley and her "advisors" — will seemingly say and do just about anything or concoct just about any bogus scheme to grab the attention of a video camera.

So it's quite a change from the ordinary to meet Alex Wallau, ABC's boxing analyst, a.k.a. color commentator for the past two-and-a-half years. Wallau never particularly wanted to be a TV personality. In fact, ABC had to ask him twice to try out for the job, and it was six months before he finally got around to taking the audition.

The position had developed as a result of ABC's getting burned by the Don King-promoted United States Boxing Championships Tournament that ran on the network back in 1977. ABC took a lot of flak when it developed that some fighters, like one Ike Fluellen, had gotten into the tourney with "embellished" (or fraudulent) ring records and others, like Marvin Hagler, had been excluded for no apparent reason other than having the wrong promotional connections.

Wallau alerted higher-ups at ABC through internal memos about some of the shenanigans and when the tournament was over, Wallau's position took on more prominence. But he rejects the assertion that the TV network boxing quality control man is the modern day equivalent of the old arena matchmaker. "We don't have the ability to create a fight," Wallau says. "We're beholden to the promoter for that. We have sort of a negative ability. We can veto a fight — there are some fights that don't take place because of us — but we can't put one together."

Asked what are the best fights he had a hand in bringing to television, Wallau immediately mentions the Alexis Arguello-Alfredo Escalera battles of 1978 and 1979 for the WBC junior lightweight title. Arguello prevailed both times on 13th-round knockouts, but not before going through hell.

As to the worst bouts that he had a hand in, Wallau allows that Sang-Hyun Kim's three-round stand against Aaron Pryor in 1983 and Caveman Lee's 67-second cave-in against Hagler the year before might have soured the reputation of the sweet science. But he bristles at the mention of Larry Holmes' 15-round shutout beating of Tex Cobb, the 1982 bout that probably drew the most brickbats for ABC.

"Cobb was tougher than half of Holmes' earlier challengers, from Scott LeDoux, to Lorenzo Zanon to Ossie Ocasio," Wallau said. "That was the problem. The other fights might have been non-competitive but they didn't go on for so long."

The loudest denunciations of the Holmes-Cobb fight — and of the sport in general — came from ABC's own boxing voice, Howard Cosell.

"Everybody knew Cosell was coming to the end of his career calling fights," Wallau said. "He chose that fight to distance himself."

But while Wallau said that Cosell "showed no class" in his manner of exit, he feels Cosell made a major contribution to boxing." "I wouldn't vouch for his knowledge of the sport, but he brought people to it," Wallau said. "None of the other legendary announcers, like Jim McKay or Curt Gowdy, ever got involved with boxing. But Cosell did, and the sport got a tremendous boost in the '60s and '70s. Even though he badmouths it now, the sport owes him a debt of gratitude."

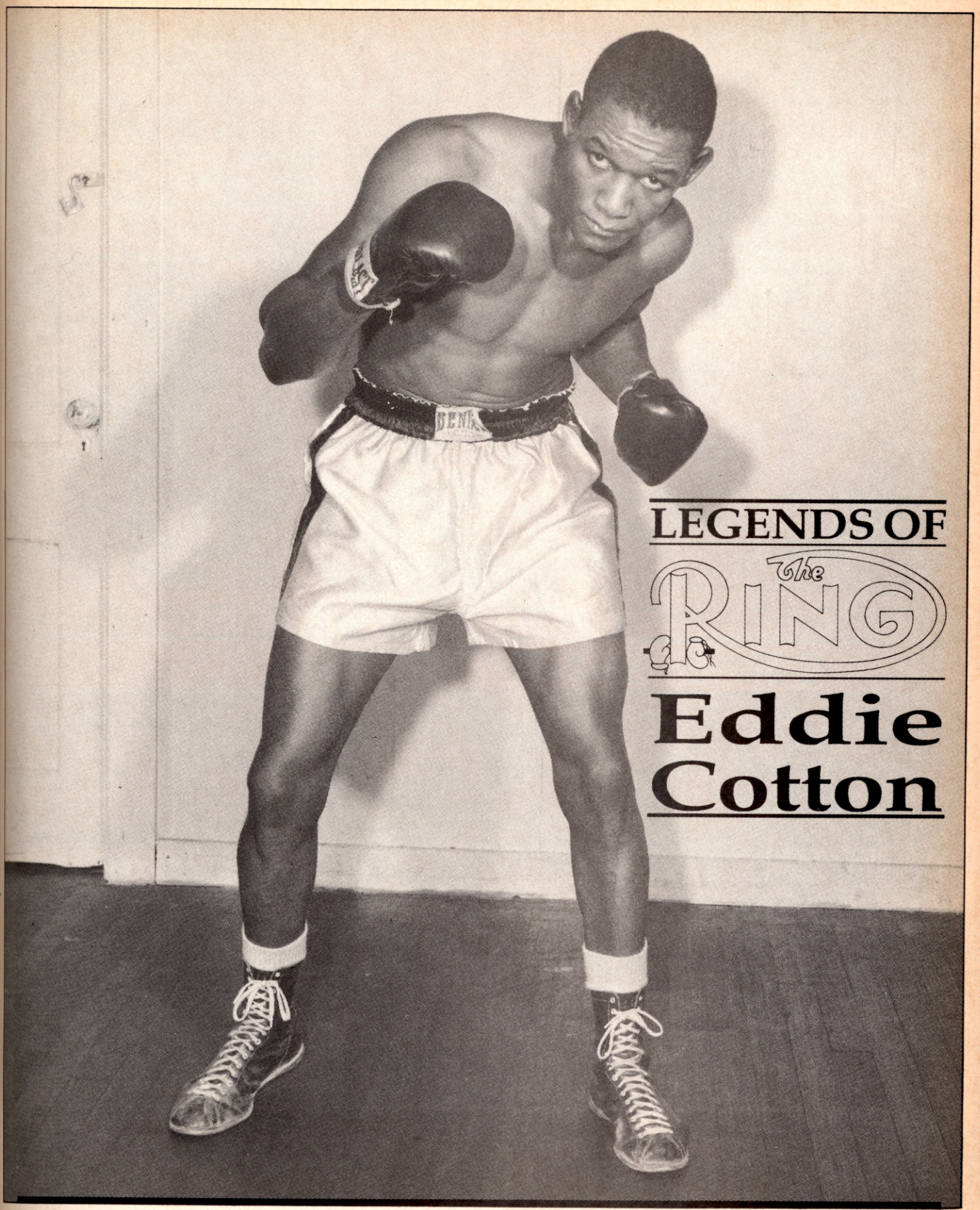
After Cosell's bitter exit, ABC tried for years to find a regular color commentator for its boxing telecasts. For various reasons, no one worked out until Wallau was prevailed upon to try out for the job. ABC liked Wallau's test, so he gave up his behind-the-scenes job to Bob Yalen, an expert on boxing and statistics, and moved behind the microphone. Since he first went on the air in February, 1986, Wallau has been teamed with Jim Lampley, Chris Schenkel, Keith Jackson, Al Trautwig, Al Michaels and Don Chevrier — virtually the entire roster of ABC Sports' broadcast talent.

Wallau's style is super low key. Comparing him to his predecessor, Cosell, or to his counterparts at NBC and CBS — Dr. Ferdie Pacheco and Gil Clancy — is a bit like comparing the deadpan comic Steven Wright to Sam Kinneson. "I don't do any *shtick*," Wallau said. "I think my approach works, because boxing is a very serious sport."

Wallau's own life took a very serious turn October 2, 1987, when some lumps that he had discovered near his throat were diagnosed as cancer. During the next half-year he underwent radiation treatment and several operations at New York's Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital and lost a quarter of the weight from his formerly 200-pound frame. But he also received scores of letters and telegrams of encouragement from persons throughout the boxing and television fraternities, as well as from the general public. And he was strengthened by the support of his wife, Martha, a Wall Street professional who has never turned her nose at any of Alex's earthier boxing associates.

Last April, Wallau returned to the ABC microphone for the Rocky Lockridge – Harold Knight fight in Atlantic City. Though he had warned his broadcast partner, Al Michaels that he might not have the strength or the voice to "go the distance," Wallau surprised himself by staying in form through the closing bell.

We're betting he will win his biggest fight and stay behind the mike for many fights to come. Alex Wallau is not the kind of man to hold any illusions, but he's ahead of most of us in at least one respect: "He's on television!" □



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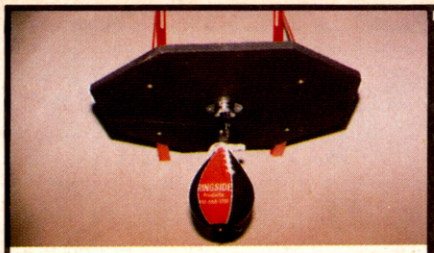

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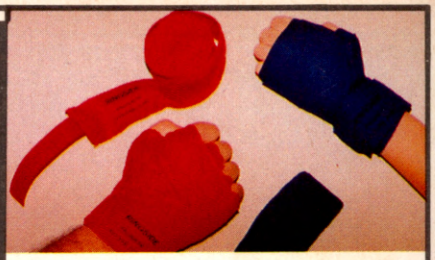

Training Handwraps—Extra Long 2"x170". Velcro closure. Bright red. #HW $3.99. JRHW (2x120 Blue) $3.50.

GET IN SHAPE . . .

Face Saver Headgear—The ultimate in complete protection. Strong, lightweight injection molded frame. Great visibility, super protection. #FSH $80.00.

Super Bag Gloves—World's greatest bag glove. 12 oz. design for greater workout and better hand protection. Velcro closure for easy on and off. #SBG M $37.00, L $38.00, XL $42.00.

Power Bag Gloves—Develops power by increasing weights in wrist pockets. All leather, velcro strap closure. #PBG $42.00. **Pro Bag Gloves**—All leather, ¾" foam pad. #BG M,L,XL $24.00.

STAY IN SHAPE . . .

Full Face Headgear—Protects head, cheeks, nose, and chin. 3 foam design for added protection. #HGBC, S,M,L $52.00. **Training Headgear**—3 foam design. Great visibility. All leather. #HGB S,M,L $45.00.

Training Gloves—All leather. Attached thumb for added safety. 3 foam design won't break down. Available in lace up or elastic/velcro design. Lace RP 14 oz. $118, 16 oz. $120.00, 18 oz. $125.00. Elastic RP-14E 122.00, 16E $125.00, 18E $130.00 (Price is for set of 4 gloves).

Ringside's Complete Line of Training Bags—Canvas heavy bag #CHB (70 lbs.) $70.00, Canvas uppercut bag #UB $70.00, Leather heavy bag (70 lb.) $145.00. (Add $12.00 shipping) plus waterbags.

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